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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, which convened in General Convention in the Reformed Church at Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the tenth of June, at half past seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and closed its sessions on the following Tuesday evening, at half past ten o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened at the appointed time, and was opened with the usual religious services, which, in the absence of the President,* were conducted by the Stated Clerk; and after the Rev. John Kuelling had been appointed President *pro tem.*, the Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., by order of Synod, preached the opening sermon. from John vii. 46:—"The officers answered, Never man spake like this man."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Miami.	David Winters, D. D.	William Nieble.
	John Pence.	John Reider.
	Peter C. Prugh.	Benjamin Kuhns.
	Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	William Hoff.
	Samuel B. Yockey.	James Swander.
	Henry M. Herman.	Asa J. Hocket, M.D.
	David Van Horne.	Joseph F. Kemp.
	John Kuelling.	
	William McCaughey.	
	Levi Rike.	

*The President, Rev. N. H. Loose, was providentially prevented from being present, and he was subsequently requested to preach the synodical sermon on Sunday evening.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
	Hiram Shaull.	
	Hiram Shumaker.	
	Fred. W. Berleman.	
	Thomas H. Winters.	
	Samuel Mease, D. D.	
	Charles W. Good.	
	Alvin S. Zerbe.	
Lancaster.	Charles W. Hoyman.	
	John Vogt.	
	Henry Williard.	
	Silas P. Mauger.	
	John S. Gough.	
Tuscarawas.	Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.	Jacob Kuhn.
	Nathaniel H. Loose.	Daniel Brinker.
	Sebastian C. Goss.	John Zehner.
	Henry F. Long.	John Jones.
	Michael Loucks.	Henry Dillier.
	Edward Herbruck.	Philip Treash.
	Jesse Steiner.	John Bolender.*
	Frederick Strassner.	
	Edward D. Miller.	
	Jesse Hines.	
Tiffin.	Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	Barney Zimmerman.
	Reuben Good.	John Hilbish.
	Herman Rust, D. D.	George Ream.
	Geo. W. Williard, D. D.	David A. Klingler.
	Lewis H. Kefauver.	
	Theodore J. Bacher.	
	Joshua H. Derr.	
	Lewis Richter.	
St. John's.	Peter Herbruck, D. D.	Chris'n Otzenberger.
	David Kæmmerer, D. D.	Daniel Zimmerman.
	John G. Zahner, D. D.	John Limbach.
	Philip Becker.	John Unger.
	Henry K. Zink.	Con. J. Geiger, M.D.
	Geo. W. Henning.	Ulrich Ruegsegger.
	Jon. A. Novinger.	Jeremiah Werth.
	Amos F. Zartman.	Henry Kuhn.
	Ernest F. A. Schade.	John Wilhelm.
	Peter Greding.	
	Herman Kortheuer.	
	John M. Grether.	

*He, as *secundus*, succeeded to the seat of Elder Philip Treash, *primarius*, on Monday morning.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Eastern Ohio.	Geo. M. Albright. Michael A. Miller. John M. Kendig. Henry Hilbish. John J. Leberman. Edward H. Otting.	Simon Bricker. Jonathan Tressel. Solomon Elser. Theophilus E. Biery, [M. D.
Illinois.	Chas. G. A. Hullhorst. Daniel Lantz.	
English Iowa.	None present.	
German Iowa.	None present.	
St. Joseph's.	John R. Skinner. Edwin R. Williard. Peter J. Spangler.	

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From Lancaster Classis. Elder Henry Leonard.
From Synod in United States. Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.
From Synod of the Northwest. Revs. Wendelin Wittenwieler and John H. Stepler.
From Pittsburg Synod. Rev. Edmund Erb.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Archibald A. E. Taylor, D. D.,	Presbyterian Church.
" Robert M. Finley,	" "
" Philo M. Semple,	" "
" Walter J. Sloan,	Evan. Lutheran Church.
" Herman L. Wiles,	" "
" ——— ———,	" "
" R. H. Pollock, D. D.,	United Presbyter'n Church.
" J. Whisler,	2d Meth. Epicopal "
" Alexander Nelson, D. D.,	1st. " "

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. David Winters, D. D., *President*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. John Pence, *Vice President*, Tremont, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. David Van Horne, *Corresponding Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Jer. H. Good, D. D , *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order adopted by Synod, the reading of which was dispensed with, were observed in the transaction of business.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of Synod, namely:

The *Morning Sessions* to open at 8½ o'clock and to close at 11½ o'clock; and the *Afternoon Sessions* to open at 2 and to close at 5 o'clock.

The Synod defined the bar of the house to be the first ten pews from the front.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

On Religious Services—Revs. John Vogt, Geo W. Williard, D. D., David Kæmmerer, D. D., and Elders William Nieble and Jacob Kuhn.

On Minutes of Synod.—Revs. Hiram Shumaker, Charles W. Hoyman, Sebastian C. Goss, and Elders William Hoff and Dr. Conrad J. Geiger

On Minutes of Classes.—Revs. Jesse Steiner, John G. Zahner, D. D., Chas. G. A. Hullhorst, Henry Williard, Samuel B. Yockey, and Elders Dr. Asa J. Hocket, Daniel Zimmerman and Jonathan Tressel.

On Overtures.—Revs. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., Herman Rust, D. D., John S Gough, and Elders John Reider and Daniel Brinker

On Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. Peter C. Prugh, Chas. W. Good, John Vogt, Joshua H. Derr, William McCaughey, and Elders James Swander, John Zehner and Christian Otzenberger.

On the State of Religion.—Revs. Nathaniel H. Loose, David Van Horne, Frederick Strassner, Edward D Miller, and Elders Joseph F. Kemp, John Hilbish and Ulrich Ruegsegger.

On Theological Seminary.—Revs. Henry M. Herman, Michael Loucks, Lewis H. Kefauver, and Elders George Ream and Solomon Elser.

On Heidelberg College.—Revs John M. Kendig, Edward D. Miller, John M. Grether, Levi Rike, and Elders Simon Bricker, John Unger and Philip Treash.

On Missions.—Revs. John Kuelling, Fred. W. Berleman, Peter Greding, Daniel Lantz, Henry Hilbish, and Elders Henry Kuhn and Dr. Asa J. Hocket.

On Finance.—Revs. Theodore J. Bacher, Henry F. Long, Lewis Richter, and Elders Jeremiah Werth and Joseph F. Kemp.

On Nominations.—Revs. Hiram Shaull, Willliam McCaughey, Jesse Hines, and Elders William Nieble and William Hoff.

On Publication.—Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver Reuben Good, Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., and Elders Benjamin Kuhns and Jacob Kuhn.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, St. John's, Eastern Ohio, Illinois, English Iowa and German Iowa, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, and the several Reports on Religion and Statistics to the Committee on the State of Religion.

2. The Reports of the Board of Trustees and of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, together with that of the Treasurer, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary.

3. The Reports of the Board of Trustees and of the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College, together with that of the Agent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College.

4. The Report of the Board of Home Missions, together with that of its Treasurer, was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

5. The Report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

6. The Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

7. Several other communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod during its present sessions observed the following religious services:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Religious Services would present the following as their report:

I. REFORMED CHURCH.

As the services on Thursday evening, Friday afternoon and evening, and Saturday evening, had a special reference to the semi-centenial anniversary, the particulars pertaining thereto are by mutual agreement included in the report of the General Semi-Centenial Committee, to which attention is directed.

Wooster.—Saturday afternoon, preparatory services, in German, by Rev. L. Richter, and in English, Rev. C. W. Hoyman. Sunday morning, communion sermons, in German, Rev. P. Greding, in English, Rev. D. Van Horne; liturgical services, Rev. I. H. Reiter, and the distribution of elements by members of Synod. Sunday afternoon, 3 o'clock, Sunday-school services, singing, prayer by Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., and addresses by Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. D., L. Richter, T. J. Bacher, J. Kuelling and P. C. Prugh. Sunday evening, synodical sermon, Rev. N. H. Loose.

Orrville.—Sunday morning, Rev. John Vogt.

Apple Creek.—Sunday morning, Rev. M. Loucks, and Rev. C. W. Good.

Crystal Springs.—Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., and Rev. S. Mease, D. D.

II. OTHER CHURCHES IN WOOSTER.

English Evangelical Lutheran.—Sunday morning, Rev. S. B. Leiter, D. D., evening, Rev. T. J. Bacher.

First Methodist Episcopal.—Sunday morning, Rev. D. Lantz, evening, Rev. T. H. Winters

Second Methodist Episcopal.—Sunday morning, Rev. T. H. Winters, evening, Rev. H. Hilbish.

United Presbyterian—Sunday afternoon, Rev. Wm. McCaughey, evening, Rev. P. C. Prugh.

Baptist.—Sunday morning, Rev. J. H. Derr, evening, Rev. J. S. Gough.

University Chapel.—Sunday morning, Rev. G. W. Willard, D. D. Monday evening, missionary anniversary, Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., and J. H Derr.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN VOGT, *Chairman.*

The several religious services, reported by the Committee, were observed according to appointment.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of Synod of last year, two copies of which were received through the Stated Clerk, was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod. This Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received, and acted on item by item:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod offer the following report:

Item 1. Page 7. Has reference to the continuation of a Committee on Hymn Book.

Item 2. Page 7. Is the continuation of a committee to act with a similar committee of the Synod of the Northwest on German Liturgy.

Item 3. Page 7. Is the postponement of the election of a Professor of Exegetical Theology, to this Synod.

Item 4. Page 13. Is the appointment of Rev. S. Mease, delegate to the Wittenberg Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Item 5. Page 13. Has reference to the appointment of a Committee of three to act with similar committees of the different District Synods upon the subject of union with the Reformed Churches in America.

Item 6. Page 14. Is the election of a Committee, consisting of three ministers and two elders, delegates from the Ohio Synod to the World's Evangelical Alliance.

Item 7. Page 38. Calls the special attention of the Classes to the importance of the Foreign Missionary Cause.

Item 8. Page 39. Calls attention to the recommendation and use of our Sunday-school publications.

Item 9. Page 51. *a*) Relates to the final adoption of the report of the Committee on Charters, which was deferred until the meeting of this Synod

b) The continuation of the Committee on Revision of a Form of a Constitution of a Congregation, and of a Joint Consistory.

Item 10. Page 52. Refers to the appointment of a Committee of three to draft a new Constitution of the Church.

Item 11. Page 55. Has reference to a request of the English Iowa Classis to equalize traveling expenses of delegates to Synod.

Item 12. Page 57. *a*) Contains an enjoinment upon the Illinois and the German Iowa Classes to liquidate their indebtedness without delay. *b*) An urgent request of all the Classes to make provision for the payment of their respective dues at or before their annual meeting.

Item 13. Page 59. Has reference to the importance of a printing establishment, the consideration of which was submitted to the Board of Publication.

Item 14. Page 61. The preparation of semi-centennial papers by persons designated.

Item 15. Page 62. Is the appointment of a committee to carry into effect the measures adopted in regard to the Semi-Centennial Anniversary and to report to this Synod.

Item 16. Page 62. Is the appointment of some ministerial brethren to prepare papers on different subjects of benevolence. The subjects named are Missions (Home and Foreign), Church Extension and Beneficiary Education.

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM SHUMAKER, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows :—In Item 1 the Committee reports progress and was continued; for action of Synod on items 2, 8 and 13, see Article XXIII., Publication; election in item 3, indefinitely postponed; for disposition of items 4, 5 and 6, see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; for action on item 7, see Article XVI., Missions; for action on forms of Charters in item 9, *a*) and *b*), see Article XXI., Church Government; in item 10, no report, and committee continued; for disposition of item 11, see action on item 15 in report on Minutes of Classes; for action on item 12, *a*) and *b*), see Article XXII., Finance; and for disposition of matters, in items 14, 15 and 16, see report of the General Semi-Centennial Committee, Article XXIV., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received, and taken up item by item, and is as follows:

The Committee, to whom was referred the Minutes of Classes, would respectfully submit the following report:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Lancaster Classis allowed one of its members to give a mere verbal parochial report.
2. The German Iowa Classis and also St. Joseph's Classis have recorded their proceedings on the ordinary foolscap paper, contrary to the requirements of Synod.
3. St. Joseph's Classis fails to specify the hour for holding its annual session.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. Both Tiffin and Illinois Classes request Synod to reconsider its action in reference to Article III. of the Constitution, found on the 25th page of its published Minutes.

5. The Illinois Classis requests Synod to make Chicago an exception to its action, in giving the whole State of Illinois as territory to the Illinois Classis.

6. The same Classis reiterates its former request to be relieved from the encroachments made on its territory by the Classis of Milwaukee.

7. The same Classis directs the attention of this Synod to the fact that it prefers charges against the Rev. William Kuntzel.

8. Tuscarawas Classis requests this Synod to send down to the churches a pastoral letter in reference to ministerial support.

9. The German Iowa Classis wishes to be exonerated from collecting contributions for beneficiary purposes on the ground of financial inability.

10. The same Classis requests to be permitted to spend its moneys for missionary purposes within its own bounds.

11. The same Classis requests Synod to furnish them with suitable ministers to fill the vacant charges of Marengo and Boone.

12. The same Classis asks Synod to change their name from German Iowa to Ursinus Classis.

13 This Classis also requests Synod to dismiss them to the Northwestern Synod.

14. The St. John's Classis requests Synod to dismiss them to the Synod of the Northwest.

15. The English Iowa Classis asks Synod to equalize the traveling expenses of its delegates.

16. The same Classis asks not to be required to repeal its action in reference to licensing candidates.

17. This Classis asks permission to form a new Synod.

18. Miami Classis requests Synod to add two new columns to the statistical report—excommunicated and contingent.

19. The Eastern Ohio Classis requests Synod to amend the 3d and 4th resolutions of the Synod of Shelbyville, as recorded on page 25 of the Minutes of Synod.

20. Tiffin Classis requests Synod to exercise great care not to increase its expenses.

21. Lancaster Classis requests Synod to have such items as are of special interest to the Church translated into the German language, and have them published in the *Evangelist* for the benefit of our German membership.

22. Illinois Classis requests Synod to permit it to divide its territory into two Classes.

III. COMPLAINTS

23. St. John's Classis complains of being unjustly censured by Synod, for recording the name of the Rev. F. Strassner only as an advisory member.

24. The same Classis complains of the action of Synod in setting aside the protest of one of its delegates in treating the Louisville congregation of Stark County, Ohio, as having been unconditionally dismissed by St. John's Classis to the Classis of Eastern Ohio.

25. The same Classis appeals from a certain action of Synod to the General Synod, and appointed the Revs. P. Greding and J. G. Zahner, D. D., to sustain their appeal before the next General Synod at Fort Wayne, Ind.

26. The Rev. H. Hanhart appeals from the action of the Miami Classis to the Synod.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

27. The Eastern Ohio Classis accedes to the request of Synod to hold collections for Beneficiary Education, and the Board of Missions, and will also aid in the circulation of the *Christian World* and other publications of the Church.

28. The same Classis has also confined herself to her own territory

29. St. John's Classis accedes to the request of Synod to circulate the *Christian World* and the Sabbath-school publications of the Church

30. The German Iowa Classis expresses a willingness to cooperate with Synod in the work of Missions in Japan.

31. The same Classis adopted the resolution of Synod to increase the circulation of the publications of the Church

32. The same Classis also resolved to carry on in future her missionary operations directly through the Board of the Synod.

33. Tuscarawas Classis does not accede to Article III. of Constitution referred to by Synod, believing that it conflicts with other cases provided for in the Constitution

34. The same Classis adopted the resolutions of Synod in reference to Church and Sunday-school publications.

35. Miami, Lancaster, Tiffin, Tuscarawas, St. John's, Illinois and German Iowa Classes have taken favorable action in reference to the celebration of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Ohio Synod.

V. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

36. Illinois Classis licensed and ordained J. V. Lerch; received the Revs. D. Lantz, H. H. Sandoe and L. M. Kerschner; dismissed the Rev. S. N. King to the Presbyterian Church; deposed S. W. McClure and P. H. Kroh from the ministry; dismissed Prof. C. O. Knepper to the Tiffin Classis.

37. Miami Classis licensed and ordained A. S. Zerbe; dismissed the Rev. J S. Gough to Lancaster Classis; received the Rev. J. Heckman from the Presbyterian Church; licensed and dismissed the Rev. E. H. Otting to the Eastern Ohio Classis and the Rev. H. Getzendanner to Platte Presbytery of Missouri; dismissed Rev. N. Wiers to Indiana Classis and the Rev. J. Heller to the Eastern Ohio Classis, and erased the name of T. P. Bucher from the roll of its ministers and ordained C. W. Good.

38. St. Joseph's Classis received J. D. Gehring from Heidelberg Classis, and licensed and ordained E. R. Williard from the Seminary at Tiffin, O.

39. Eastern Ohio Classis received Rev. J. Biery from the St. John's Classis; dismissed the Rev. J. M. Grether to St. John's Classis; suspended the Rev. G Zeigler from the ministry, and stricken from the roll of ministers the name of L. B. Perkins; and received licentiate E. H. Otting from Miami Classis and ordained him.

40. St. John's Classis received the Rev. J. M. Grether from the Eastern Ohio Classis; dismissed Rev. J. Biery to Eastern Ohio Classis.

41. Tiffin Classis received T. J. Bacher from the Erie Classis and the Rev. L. Richter from the Presbytery of Lima; dismissed the Rev J. May to the St. Paul's Classis; licensed J. Hartman and dismissed him to Lebanon Classis; licensed and ordained Charles Wieser, Wathena Mission, Kansas; licensed W. H. Herbert and dismissed him to Zion's Classis of the Synod of the Potomac, and received the Rev. J H. Derr from the Erie Classis.

42. Tuscarawas Classis dismissed the Rev. P. A. Long and Rev. O. E. Lake to the Maryland Classis and the Rev S. Shaw to the Westmoreland Classis, and re-enrolled the name of the Rev. J. M. Mickley.

43 The English Iowa Classis received the Rev. J. B. Welty from the Westmoreland Classis.

44. The Lancaster Classis received Rev. J. S Gough from the Miami Classis and dismissed the Rev. Eli Keller to the Goshenhoppen Classis; licensed and ordained S. P. Mauger and erased from their roll of ministers the name of S. S Rickley.

45. The German Iowa Classis dismissed the Rev. C. G. Ziph to Erie Classis.

VI. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

46. Miami Classis will meet in annual session at Germantown on the first Thursday after the second Tuesday of October the 15th, 1874, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. T. H. Winters, President, Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk, Rev. S. Mease, Treasurer.

47. Lancaster Classis will meet in annual session in the Reformed Church at Delaware, on Wednesday, October 21st, at 7 o'clock P. M. The Rev. W. Gilpin, President, the Rev. G. H. Leonard, Stated Clerk, C W. Hoyman, Treasurer.

48. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in annual session at Mohicanville, Ashland County, Ohio, October 22d, 1874, at 7 o'clock P. M. O. E. Lake, President, N. H. Loose, Stated Clerk, Thomas W. Chapman, Treasurer.

49. Tiffin Classis will meet in annual session at New Bavaria, Henry County, Ohio, Friday before the full moon in August, 1874, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. Joseph A. Keller, President, J. H. Good, D. D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

50. St. John's Classis meets at Alliance, Ohio, on the last Thursday in September, 1874, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. P. Greding, President, J. G. Zahner, D. D., Stated Clerk, Rev. H. Kortheuer, Treasurer.

51. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in annual session at the Springfield Church September 16th, 1874, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. H. Hilbish, President, J. M. Kendig, Stated Clerk, Jacob Greenameier, Treasurer.

52. Illinois Classis will meet in annual session August 20th, 1874, at Rock Grove, Stephenson County, Illinois, at 7 o'clock P. M. H. Wilson, President, C. G. A. Hullhorst, Stated Clerk, Rev. S. P. Myers, Treasurer.

53. English Iowa Classis will meet in annual session at Lisbon, Lynn County, Iowa, October 1st, 1874, at 7 o'clock P. M. Geo. Weber, President, D. S. Fouse, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

54. The German Iowa Classis will meet in annual session at Cove, Muscatine County, Iowa, September 23d, 1874, at 7 o'clock P. M. Geo. Retig, President, S. Ellicker, Stated Clerk, H. Keye, Treasurer.

55. St. Joseph's Classis will meet Wednesday before the first full moon, in October, 1874. Rev. H. Bair, President, Rev. J. R. Skinner, Stated Clerk, J. C. St. Clair, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE STEINER, *Chairman.*

Action on the foregoing report:—Items 1, 2, 3, 16, 20, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55 were adopted; item 4 was adopted, and for further action thereon see Article XIV., Theological Seminary; for action on items 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 18 and 22, see Article XXI., Church Government; the request in item 9 not acceded to, but said Classis respectfully requested to do all it can in the matter; for disposition of item 10, see Article XVI., Missions; request in item 11 referred to Board of Home Missions; item 13 adopted, and the request indefinitely postponed; the requests in items 15 and 17 not granted; item 21 adopted and request therein granted; for action on items 24 and 25, see Article XX., Complaints; for action on item 26, see Article XIX., Appeals and References.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures submitted their report, which was received and disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures would respectfully submit the following report:

Item 1. Is a certificate dismissing the St. Joseph's Classis, a member of the Synod of the Northwest, to the Ohio Synod.

Item 2. Papers relating to, and asking the restoration of Henry Knepper to the gospel ministry.

Item 3. A bill of traveling expenses incurred by Rev. Herman Kortheuer as a member of the Committee on the German Liturgy.

Item 4. Is a paper from Rev. Solomon K. Denius, with the request that the same be read before this Synod by Rev. H. M. Herman.

Item 5. Is a paper from the Synod of the Northwest, in regard to certain difficulties between the Illinois Classis of the Ohio Synod and the Milwaukee Classis of that Synod.

Item 6. Is a paper from Rev. Henry Hanhart, giving reasons for his appeal from the decision of Miami Classis in the Schleutker case.

Item 7. Is a bill of $12 from Rev. Joshua H. Derr for traveling expenses in defending this Synod in a certain case before the General Synod of Cincinnati.

Item 8. Is a letter from Rev. Jacob Steck, who was appointed delegate by the Wittenberg Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to this Synod, expressing his regret at not being able to meet with us, and also assuring us that a delegate appointed by this Synod to that body would receive a hearty welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. LEITER, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows: For action of Synod on items 1, 2 and 5, see Article XXI., Church Government; items 3 and 7 adopted, and order granted on the Synodical Treasury, see Article XXII., Finance; for disposition of matters in item 4, see Article XXIV., Miscellaneous; for action in the case in item 6, see Article XIX., Appeals and References; and item 8 was adopted, without further action.

ARTICLE XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

The following matters claimed the attention of the Synod during its present sessions:

1. *Report of Delegate to Wittenberg Synod.*

The following report was received and adopted:

Your delegate to the Wittenberg Synod of the Lutheran Church would report, that, at the time of its annual meeting, being left without an assistant in the editorial work, he was unable to attend its sessions. This unavoidable absence he much regretted. As the best course to be pursued under the circumstances, he addressed a letter to said Synod, conveying the Christian salutations of this Synod, and giving assurance of its kindly sympathy and ready co-operation in the Master's work.

It affords us pleasure to know that the sentiments of the letter were kindly reciprocated, and are that the Wittenberg Synod is ever ready to stand with us in the battle against sin and ungodliness.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL MEASE.

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2. *Report of Committee on Union of Reformed Churches.*

The following report was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed on the subject of union between the Reformed Church in the United States and the Reformed Church in America, to act in the matter with similar committees of the other District Synods, would report:

That, inasmuch as the General Committee on the part of both Churches have not yet held a joint meeting, nor adopted arrangements for such a meeting, your Committee have not been enabled up to this time to fulfill the duties assigned them, and therefore ask to be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

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3. *Report of Delegates to Evangelical Alliance.*

The following report was received and adopted:

The delegates appointed to attend the "World's Evangelical Alliance," which convened in the city of New York, October 2, 1873, would report, that, inasmuch as said Alliance was not authorized to receive delegates appointed by denominational ecclesiastical bodies, therefore they failed to comply with the object of their appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application having been made in behalf of Richard B. Reichard and Solomon Ream, students of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, and regularly dismissed therefrom, for examination and licensure, they were referred to the Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, which Committee, during the Monday afternoon session, June 15, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would respectfully report that they have examined Richard B. Reichard and Solomon Ream, who were referred to them by Synod, in all the branches of study required by the Constitution, and that the said examination proved satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the said applicants are hereby licensed to preach the gospel, and that the officers of Synod furnish them with certificates of licensure, upon their signing the *Formula*, as prescribed by the Constitution.

Richard B. Reichard was continued under the care of Miami Classis, and Solomon Ream under that of Lancaster Classis.

ARTICLE XIII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Reverend Fathers and Brethren: In reporting the state of religion and morals of this Synod we are conscious, that while there is that which will in some measure portray the visible development of Christian activity, there is an unwritten history in the continuous process of redemption which we are unable to record. We know not, neither can we tell, of the hidden springs of evil, together with the secret forces of truth, as these lie back of all intelligent apprehension We may record many events, as seen by the outer eye, and may count the number added to the Church, but no arithmetic of ours can estimate the true value of the priceless grace of redemption, effectually working in them that are saved. The inner life, the divine presence in the Church, is indescribable.

We must, therefore, glean our report from documents placed before us, written by men in recounting the Lord's work in the use of human instrumentalities, within the bounds of the Classes composing the Synod.

These reports indicate that our ministers *have diligently and faithfully proclaimed the Word of God* as the efficient means, blessed by the Holy Ghost, in the salvation of believers. So, too, has there been a faithful administration and reception of the sacraments, the sealing ordinances of the Church.

As near allied to the preaching of the Word, there has been progress in the *catechisation of the youth* of the Church, and others in their preparation for confirmation, and complete service to God, thus imparting a healthy religious culture so very essential in the peculiar tendencies of our times.

An additional auxiliary in a proper religious culture is the *Sunday-school*, that very interesting part of Church service so rapidly rising in public favor and efficiency This Synod, or parties responsible to this body, is nobly furnishing the necessary equipment in this field of Christian toil, in the publication and introduction of the *Leaves of Light*. *Heidelberg Teacher* and *Lesson Leaves*, accompanied with the Lord's day portion of the Catechism, together with that gem of sacred song, *The Companion of Praise*. These publications being known as our own, and thus used, beget a consciousness of power in this that they *are ours*, which can not be when we run the literature of our schools on borrowed capital. Though advanced ground has been taken, we can yet much more enlarge our usefulness, and ought to, in the publication, to some extent, of our Sunday-school library, and the more universal introduction of the publications named. There ought to be a just, a righteous pride in using our own Church literature, including our various periodicals and books, in our Sunday-schools and families.

The *benevolent* objects of Synod do not, it is to be regretted, receive the attention they so well merit. Yet when we consider the financial condition of our territory during the last year, there is even here some progress; yet not by any means that which should be recorded during this semi-centennial celebration. This to us ought to be truly a year of jubilee, in which liberal offerings should declare our gratitude to God for the unnumbered bestowments of his grace over the churches, planted by the fathers and watered by their sons, while the gracious increase is in faith and sincere gratitude ascribed to God.

The *missionary and church erection* enterprises are receiving increased, but not the adequate attention imperatively demanded. Several promising missions have been established in the far West since the last Synod—Hiawatha, Kansas, and Denver City, Colorado. The success so speedily attained is significantly prophetic of that which can and ought to be done with all possible energy. The distant West is before us with its teeming millions, so that to us, as to others, the Master's voice announces the authoritative words, "Occupy

till I come." To be true to ourselves and to God, we must be more aggressive in our missionary work. Our reports also repeatedly refer to the erection of costly, commodious and beautiful church edifices.

The *literary and theological institutions* under the supervision of Synod are, to the encouragement of their friends, gradually rising in importance and efficiency filling up many places otherwise forever vacant, with usually well qualified young ministers, to carry on the work so well begun by the venerable fathers of our Church in the West. The endowment of these centers of learning is continually increasing, thus securing permanency and enlarged success in their various departments of synodical service.

In this record on the state of the Church we have reported some of the most worthy characteristics of this Synod. In reference to that which evinces error and imperfections, we adopt the language of one of the classical reports: "The reports of the brethren all bear testimony to the existence of many things in our congregations which are not as they should be. The Church, although prospering, has much to contend against. Many false notions and practices still prevail, which greatly retard the progress of the Lord's work." We may add, that in order properly to fulfill our mission we must, in a prayerful way, devise more liberal things in the adoption of more enlarged views of Church polity. We live in a progressive age. This spirit of progress must be sanctified to the honor and glory of God in Christian liberality and energetic action, directed by an intelligent and awakened consciousness of the many, many wants of the Church. As a Synod, we have yet many things to learn, and to practice, to fully exemplify to ourselves and to the world that we are not our own, but that we belong to our faithful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

One of the classical reports refers to the Rev. Father Charles Zwisler, who for fifty years labored actively in the vineyard of the Lord, who, on account of bodily infirmity, was necessitated to discontinue the regular service of the ministry. Another refers to the death of the Rev. Conrad Saure, of Cincinnati, who departed this life but two days after the adjournment of Synod, at Shelbyville. He was an earnest and eminently successful minister of the Word. The Salem Reformed Church, of Cincinnati, is the work of his life, and the imperishable monument, reared by the grace of God, to his memory.

To close.—The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church is just fifty years of age. We are standing on the half-century summit of its written and unwritten history, occupying an outlook of solemn interest and responsibility. Much noble and self-sacrificing work has been done by the pioneers of our Church in the West, the fruits of which, we, their successors, are now happily gathering in. The churches they founded, the souls they saved, are the ever-enduring monuments whereon their names and their life-work are recorded, never to be effaced. Half a century ago eleven men of God, with

their elders, constituted this Synod, which has grown not only to what we are to day, but gave being to the Synod of the Northwest, and part of the lately constituted Pittsburg Synod. Since then how many changes! Two only, who were present as candidates for the ministry when this Synod was organized—the President and Vice-President of this body, Rev. David Winters, D. D., and Rev. John Pence—are with us on this interesting, this jubilee convocation. They, with their venerable presence, and others of advanced age, grace this assembly with becoming dignity and honor, being to us young men fathers whom we greatly venerate, and for whom we will ever cherish sentiments worthy of their honorable names and faithful service to the Church.

On this anniversary occasion we are naturally brought to the following reflections: Few who compose this Synod will be alive on the earth fifty years hence. Will any of our number proclaim the gospel of the Son of God for that period of time, as a few of our fathers, now venerable with age and faithful service, have done? Will this Synod then exist; or will there be a necessity then for ours, as well as other churches, to continue separately organized as now? These, as well as others, are questions full of living interest to every member of this Synod. Little do we know of that which shall be, but of this we are fully conscious, that whatever the conflicts of the Church of the future may be, "That all things work together for good to them that love God." "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL H. LOOSE, *Chairman.*

(*For Statistical Reports, see appendix.*)

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. The Annual Reports.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary would hereby present to Synod their annual report:

The Board convened in Dayton, Ohio, November 21, 1873, and effected an organization by the election of Rev Isaac H. Reiter, *President*, Rev. David Van Horne, *Secretary*, and Rev. David Winters, D. D., *Treasurer;* and held three meetings during the year.

During the past year very little has transpired, in regard to the Theological Seminary, that properly comes under the jurisdiction of the Board, or that demanded the attention of the Board, and hence we have but a brief report to submit.

The Theological Seminary has now an endowment fund of about $28,000, including bonds and notes, as well as invested money. The general financial condition of the Seminary has been gradually improving during the last few years, and has never been better than at present. The outlook is good, and if the sympathy and patronage of the Church are continued in the future, as in the past, we may expect the most cheering and happy results.

There are several things that the Church need to be deeply impressed with and to keep constantly in view:

1. The steady and substantial increase of the endowment fund of the Theological Seminary, either by individual contributions, direct gifts or legacies well secured in the legal aspect.

2. The need of a full corps of professors, with the view of increasing the teaching force by manning each of the four departments, and thus raise the Seminary to a full equality with the best theological institutions of the land.

3. The increase of the number of theological students, from five to tenfold, gathered from among the young men of the Church, whose moral character and piety, as well as their mental capacity, would indicate a proper susceptibility of culture and training, and of usefulness in the practical work of the gospel ministry, to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Will the Church in the consciousness of her moral responsibility and Christian duty, properly consider these matters; and, with a believing heart an earnest spirit and a liberal hand, unitedly aid and co-operate in the consummation of the work? The attempt should be made on the part of all. The accomplishment of the desired end is possible. The results are foreshadowed as good and blessed.

The efficient Treasurer of the Board has been untiring in his efforts to promote the financial interests of the Seminary during the year.

For a detailed account of the condition of the finances, the Synod is referred to the Treasurer's report, which is herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *President.*

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2. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board.*

REV. D. WINTERS, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod.*

1873.		DR.	
May	8	To col'tion 1st Church, Tiffin, $10.27; and Dr. Rust, $14.21..$	24 48
	15	Rev. Dr. S. B. Leiter, $18 interest; and J. Meyers, $3.....	21 00
	25	Rev. F. Schaad, Ragersville, $16 interest; S. Crist, $6.....	22 00
			$67 48

		Brought forward, DR. $	67 48
June	9	Elder Nicodemus for Willis, $6; and Myers, $3	9 00
	20	Rev. H. Shumaker for Siegfried, $1.50; Reichel, $1.50; Null, $1.50; Miller, $1.50	6 00
	24	Mr. G. G. Prugh, interest	6 00
	26	H. Knepper for S. Schmidt, $6; J. Rust, $5; Rev. T. H. Winters, $5	16 00
July	10	Rev. I. A. Sites for Bolender, $3; Sullivan, $3; Reedy, $3; Kleckner, $6; Frantz, $3; and Kister, $1.50	19 50
	22	Dr. Williard from D. Thoman's estate, per J. Greenameier,	52 50
	26	D. H. Prugh's estate per J. V. Prugh, ex., $37.50; and Dr. Good, interest, $22	59 50
		T. L. Prugh, $1 50; Cath. Fauver, $3; H. Leonard for I. J. Eichenberger, $11	15 50
		H. Leonard from Ault, $9; Gindlesperger, $3; Musser, $3; Sites, $10	25 00
		Sebastian Leonard, per agent Leonard, bequest interest	9 00
Aug.	4	Rev. Berleman, for himself, $1.50; C. Huber, $1.50; W. Huber, $1.50	4 50
	14	Rev. I. A. Sites for S. Mayer	6 00
	18	Smith, $1.50; Swope. $1.50; Bricker, $1.50; Bair, $1.50; Myers, $1 50; I'll	7 50
	20	Rev. J. Kuelling for C. Sandau, interest	12 00
	29	Rev. F. W. Berleman for Eichorn	1 75
Sept.	10	Rev. Dr. Kæmmerer for Fred. Greiner	21 65
	11	D. W. Winters & Bro., interest	18 00
	13	Henry Bates, interest	12 00
Oct.	1	City bonds, interest, $80; N. L. Brewer, interest, $200; D. Wampler, $3	283 00
	2	L. H. Diehl, I'll., various persons, $14.85; Kleckner, $1.50,	16 35
	15	Dr. Rust, furniture sold, $4 50; and S. Hetrick, $3	7 50
	20	Rev. P. C. Prugh for A. Peterson, $3; A. A. Unger, $3; D W. Winters & Bro, $18	24 00
		Dr. Winters, Mt. Zion collection, $15; city bonds, $280	295 00
Nov.	15	Rev. N. H. Loose, various persons, $13.50; S. & C. Rixstine, $51,	64 50
Dec.	1	Rev. S. Mease, Treasurer of Miami Classis, from West Alexandria Charge, $14.02; 1st Church, Cincinnati, $9; Church of the Cross, $4.52; Millville, $4 90; Highland, $2.13; Springboro, $3.81; Farmersville, $6.40; and Xenia, $2.84,	47 62
	20	H. Willems, $5.25; J. Willems, $11.40; Rev. Naille for Mast, $3.90	20 55
1874			
Jan.	7	M. A. Winters, $48; Dr. Good, $24; D. Winters, $45.64; Dr Rust, $40	157 64
Feb.		J. V. Prugh, $3; J Wise, 80 cents; D. W. Winters & Bro., $18; J Kepper, $1.50.	23 30
Mar.	13	H. Leonard from S. Leonard, a donation, $150; interest on same, $12; H. Leonard's note $100 and interest, $21; H. Leonard on note, $12	295 00
	23	Dr. Helfrich, Pa., for Dr. Butz, $13.13; city bonds interest,	93 13
April	1	W. H. & D. Winters interest	48 40
	8	J. Wiest $30; C. Gross & Bro., $30; J. Moyer from Zollinger, $12; Flota, $6; and self, $3 (less 15 cents)	80 85
	12	N. L. Brewer, $200; and Jesse Peterson's estate, $14	214 00
May	1	Dr. Good, $16; D. W. Winters & Bro., $18; city bonds, $280; M. A. W., $48	362 00
	18	Dr. Helfrich for D. Walbert	13 43
			$2415 15

		Brought forward, DR.	$2415 15
May	21	Rev. I. A. Sites for S. Schmidt, $6; Frantz, $3; S. Mayer, $6; C. Keister, $1.50	16 50
	25	Rev. H. Shumaker from Null, Reichel, Miller & Siegfried, each, $1 50	6 00
	27	Rev. F. W. Berleman, C. Huber and Wm. Huber, each, $1.50	4 50
	28	Rev. I. H. Reiter for Mease, $6; Medlar, $1.50; and Gephart, $1.50	9 00
		G. G. Prugh, $6; J. V. Prugh, $23 14	29 14
June	2	Elder P.——— from P. Kurtz's estate, $6; and others, $15,	21 00
	10	Rev. Hullhorst for A. Albright	6 00
		Rev. Henry Williard	12 00
		Rev. Fred Schaad, Ragersville, Jubilee interest	13 15
			$2582 44

CONTRA.

1873		CR.	
May		Due Treasurer at Synod at Shelbyville, Ill	$ 45 73
		Paid Dr. Good for printing catalogues, 1873	10 00
Dec.	3	B. E. Chain, Esq., for carrying up Helffenstein case	75 00
		Paid for stamps and express during the year	8 00
1874			
March		Paid H. Leonard, agent	29 00
		" " for services in obtaining endowment	266 00
		" Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, year's salary in full to May 1	900 00
		" Rev. Dr. H. Rust, " " " " "	900 00
May	3	" interest back on city bonds	2 00
	29	" Dr. Good for catalogue of College and Seminary, 1874,	10 00
June	10	Balance in the treasury	286 71
			$2582 44

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1873		DR.	
May	1	On hand at Synod at Shelbyville	$ 274 16
July	1	Lewis Lesick, note	50 00
Aug.		I. J. Eichenberger, note	25 00
	16	Jacob Cristman, note	50 00
	29	William Eichhorn, note	25 00
Oct.	2	J. Kleckner, per Rev. I. A. Sites	100 00
Dec.	22	H. Willems, note	20 00
1874			
Jan.	15	Jacob V. Prugh, note	200 00
Feb.		John Wise, note	25 00
Apr.	16	Jesse Peterson, per Rev. T. H. Winters	50 00
May	27	Mrs. Christina Huber	25 00
June	10	From Thoman's estate	27 00
			$871 16

INVESTED.

	CR.	
	Invested in city bonds	$ 800 00
	Balance on hand June 10, 1874	71 16
		$871 16

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WINTERS, *Treasurer.*

4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

R. Good, *in account with Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church.*

To amount received, as follows:

Miami Classis.

	DR.	
Rev. D. Winters, D. D., Mt. Zion Charge	$ 65 00	
" S. B. Yockey, Semi-Centennial, Xenia Charge	104 15	
" I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg Charge	10 00	
" D. Van Horne, 1st Church, Dayton Charge	40 00	
" F. W. Berleman, Millville Charge	18 50	
" J. Kuelling, 1st Church, Cincinnati	27 00	
" C. W. Good, Germantown	4 00	
" S. Mease, Treasurer of Classis	224 00	
		$492 65

Lancaster Classis.

Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil	100 00	
" A. Henry, Kinnickkinnick	25 60	
" C. W. Hoyman, Treasurer Classis	157 30	
		282 90

Tuscarawas Classis.

Rev. J. C. Klar, Navarre	7 95	
" S. C. Goss, Wadsworth	21 00	
T. W. Chapman, Treasurer Classis	163 28	
		192 23

Eastern Ohio Classis.

Rev. M. A. Miller, Carrollton	48 55	
" H. Hilbish, Mt. Olivet	10 00	
" J. M. Kendig, Columbiana, part Semi-Centennial	54 40	
" J. J. Leberman, Louisville, " "	60 16	
" G. M. Albright, New Lisbon	9 00	
" E. H. Otting, Warren	9 70	
Jacob Greenameier, Treasurer	50 00	
Robert Ball, Treasurer	50 00	
Rev. H. Hilbish, Mt. Olivet, Semi-Centennial	29 75	
" G. M. Albright, New Lisbon, Semi-Centennial	14 81	
" John Biery, Youngstown, " "	5 00	
		341 37

Tiffin Classis.

Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, Fort Seneca	14 65	
" H. Wegert, New Bavaria	25 00	
" L. H. Kefauver, Tiffin	40 00	
" J. A. Keller, Zion	49 40	
" J. G. Ruhl, Findlay	3 00	
St. Paul's Congregation	16 62	
		148 67
		$1457 82

Brought forward,	DR.	$1457 82

St. John's Classis.

Rev. J. Matzinger, Ashland	4 95	
" D. Kæmmerer, D. D., Apple Creek	15 93	
" G. W. Henning, St. Paul	4 50	
Dr. C. J. Geiger, Canton	27 00	
Rev. F. Strassner, Marshall	13 00	
" J. A. Novinger, New Bedford	15 00	
" J. M. Grether, Hartville, Semi-Centennial Collection,	5 50	
		85 88

Illinois Classis.

Rev. I. A. Sites, Rock Grove	10 00	
" Henry Knepper, Orangeville	15 00	
" H. H. Sandoe, Stonington	6 60	
		31 60

From Various Sources.

Rev. J. H. Stepler	5 19	
C. Turflinger	2 00	
Rev. C. Schaaf, 1st Church, Sandusky	17 90	
" Wm. Dieckman, New Bremen	14 30	
Mrs. Lena Gerlach	10 00	
D. Dunn, Huntington County, Pa	23 50	
Rev. J. Naille, Bluffton	10 00	
" J. R. Skinner	14 30	
Mr. W. E. Schmertz	100 00	
Mrs. and Miss Ashbaugh, Winchester, Ind	20 00	
Rev. W. Herr	15 00	
" H. Williard, Galion	4 00	
		236 19

Amount Refunded.

By J. Elder	40 00	
" G. K. Hart	90 00	
" B. Kerste	86 50	
		216 50
		$2027 99

CONTRA.	CR.	
By balance due Treasurer, May 12, 1873	$ 163 75	
Postage and printing	11 35	
Interest	23 00	
Two promissory notes paid off	300 00	
Express charges	85	
Amount paid beneficiaries as per vouchers	1479 50	
Balance in the treasury, June 12, 1874	49 54	
		$2027 99

All the debt and appropriation of the Board of Education have been paid during the past year, and we start out on a new synodical year with $49.54.

Respectfully submitted,

June 12, 1874. REUBEN GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the preceding reports had been referred, presented their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary would beg leave to offer the following report:

The papers placed in our hands are the reports of the Board of Trustees, the Treasurer, Board of Visitors and Beneficiary Education

From the Board of Trustees we learn that they have held three meetings during the year, with but little of special interest transpiring to demand their attention. The Board reports that the financial condition of the Seminary is improving, and that the prospects for the future are encouraging.

The endowment amounts to about $28,000.00. It is urged that the Church should take a more lively interest in the endowment of our Seminary, and a larger increase of students.

That the endowment fund is far too small need not be argued here. The teaching force of the Seminary ought to be increased. The true wants of the Institution ought to be more earnestly presented to our people, and they would do in the future even more liberally than they have done in the past.

From the Treasurer's report we learn that the whole amount placed in his hands from the various sources aggregate the sum of $2,503.30, from which he paid out for salaries for professors and necessary contingencies, $2,245.73, leaving a balance in his hands of $257.57. That the Seminary is not in debt is certainly great cause for congratulation.

From the report of the Board of Visitors of the Seminary we learn that there have been eighteen students in connection with the Seminary during the year Of this number nine have been regularly dismissed; but we are sorry to learn that many of the students are dismissed from the Seminary before the completion of the course prescribed by the Synod. The Board complain of this matter and desire a remedy to prevent the evil They also recommend that the course in the Seminary now covering three years be changed to two years, and students be required to complete the entire course.

The Board of Beneficiary Education had twelve students under its care during the past year, at an annual appropriation of $100.00. The students have been diligent and faithful in the discharge of their duties, and bid fair to become worthy ministers of the Church. The treasury is in a healthy condition—having a balance in the treasury—which is certainly great cause for congratulation.

In view of the facts presented to your Committee, they would offer the following recommendations for your consideration :

Resolved, That the Synod urge upon the ministry and member-

ship of the Church the necessity of securing the full endowment of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the Synod recommend the increase of the teaching force of the Seminary at as early a day as possible.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Synod, it is not expedient to accede to the request of the Board of Visitors in regard to curtailing the time of the course of study in the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors be instructed to unite with the Faculty of the Theological Seminary in adopting and introducing proper graduating exercises at the close of the course of study of each theological class.

Resolved, That Classes be requested to refuse all applications for licensure unless a dismissal from the Seminary be accompanied with the application of the candidate.

Resolved, That, in accordance with the request of the Board of Visitors of the Seminary, we recommend that said Board be made to consist of seven members who live in or in immediate vicinity of Tiffin.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *Chairman.*

In accordance with the recommendation in the last resolution of the report of the Committee, the names of Revs. John Vogt and William B. Sandoe were added as members of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

III. Election of Boards of Theological Seminary:

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., David Van Horne, David Winters, D. D., and Messrs. Andrew H. Baughman, Benjamin Kuhns and Gideon G. Prugh.

II. BOARD OF VISITORS.

Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, George W. Williard, D. D., William H. Fenneman, Nathaniel H. Loose, Joshua H. Derr, John Vogt and William B. Sandoe.

IV. Theological Students to be under care of Classes.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the sixth day of the sessions, reported, in item 4, that Tiffin and Illinois Classes requested Synod to reconsider its action respecting Article III. of the Constitution, contained in Minutes, 1873, page

25; and that Eastern Ohio Classis, item 19, requested Synod to amend the third and fourth resolutions adopted at its last annual meeting, Minutes, 1873, page 25.

Thereupon, on motion, the Synod reconsidered its action, embodied in said two resolutions, recorded on the twenty-fifth page of said Synodical Minutes, and, after some discussion, the following action, as a substitute for said two resolutions, was adopted, namely:

Resolved, That every student for the holy ministry be required to place himself under the care of some particular Classis as soon as he shall commence his theological studies.

Resolved, That the different Classes be instructed to comply with Article III. of the Constitution, licensing none who have not been regularly connected with them during their theological training; provided that this resolution shall not be so construed as to conflict with Article X. of the Constitution.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

I. The Annual Reports.

1. *The Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College take pleasure in reporting to this Synod that the College is in a sound and healthy condition. The attendance of students for the year, as will be seen from the catalogue just published, has been larger than for a number of years past. The students are reported by the Faculty as having made good progress in their studies, and to have conducted themselves so as to merit general approval. There were no cases of discipline of any importance during the entire year.

Five gentlemen were graduated in the Classical, and two ladies in the Scientific Department, on the 10th inst., having stood an approved examination in the studies laid down in the curriculum.

The Boarding Hall, erected under the supervision of the Faculty, has been completed and is a decided success. It has met a felt want, and has been a great accommodation to the students in furnishing them boarding near the College at the low rate of $2.50 per week. The average number of students boarding in the Hall for the year was thirty-five, which of itself shows how much it was needed. It is indeed hard to see how we could have gotten along without it.

The cost incurred in the erection of the hall, including furniture, out-buildings, drainage, etc., was about $7,800.00, showing a great deal of economy on the part of the Faculty. The building is well planned and arranged for the purpose for which it has been erected. There are rooms enough in the building to accommodate twenty-six

ladies, besides the large dining hall, and rooms necessary for the family running the establishment. The Hall was conducted under the direction of the Faculty, and has been a financial success as well as an accommodation.

The Board take great pleasure in reporting that the financial condition of the College is better than it has ever been. The entire cost of running the College for the last year has been $5,318.58, leaving a balance from the receipts of the year of $853.64, to be applied on the debt of last year, which is now reduced to $386.02. It should be a matter of gratification to the Synod, as it is to the Board, to know that the entire cost of running the College for the last eight years has been met without appropriating a cent of the endowment to current expenses.

The endowment fund has been increased during the past year through the persevering labors of our agent, H. Leonard, and subscriptions otherwise obtained. The Board gratefully acknowledge the receipt of $5,000.00, secured by the President of the College from an esteemed brother, who has already done much for the College.

Warm and liberal-hearted friends seem to be coming to the help of the College from every part of the Church, which affords much encouragement.

We are also pleased to report that the Alumni Association has adopted, at its late meeting, such measures as will greatly help forward, if not complete, the endowment of its professorship during the present year.

Upon the whole the Church has great reason to rejoice in the prosperity of our Institutions at Tiffin. Their growth for the last few years has been healthful, and certainly faster than there was reason to expect with the resources at hand. The Faculty has labored hard and perseveringly amid many self-denials, and deserve the respect and approval of the Church.

With the basis we now have to work upon, there is much to inspire hope for the future. If the Church will only continue her support, and co-operate heartily with the Board and Faculty in carrying forward such measures as may be necessary for the success of our Institutions, there can be no doubt but that they will soon reach such a commanding position as will not only greatly increase their usefulness, but be an honor to all concerned. To secure this there is much that is yet to be done, which will require united and persevering effort.

In behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President.*

NELSON L. BREWER, *Treasurer.*

2. *Report of the Financial Agent.*

I have the pleasure once more to report the result of my labor during the past synodical year.

1. Thanks be to the Lord for his continued goodness and mercies in preserving my life and health.

2. I am glad to state that we have reason to believe that our Institutions at Tiffin, Ohio, are from year to year growing in power and influence for good, not only to our branch of the Church, but to the Church and the world at large.

3. We may well be assured that every faithful student who graduates at Heidelberg College and enters the arena of public life in earnest, to discharge his or her duty, will bear additional testimony that the gifts and contributions so freely given by the members and friends of the Church have not been in vain.

Then we all rejoice to see so many young men enter the gospel ministry. (But we still need more.)

4. This year, as in former years, I have again found new friends, who not only received the Agent with kind words, and a hearty shake by the hand, but have responded to the Fisherman's call in a substantial way, by contributing of their means.

5. Then, what is still more encouraging, some of the old contributors, who have subscribed in former years, have now increased their subscriptions, so as to secure to themselves and their posterity a perpetual scholarship.

6. This year I have spent considerable time in hunting up delinquents; that is, there are still some persons who forget or neglect to pay their interest, which is payable annually. Such negligence will naturally cripple our finances. Be it remembered that our worthy professors' salaries must be met.

Then, to hunt up and visit these delinquents it requires time, while at the same time it is attended with additional expenses. True, I wrote many letters, and in this way I expected to accomplish the object, but I am sorry to say that in too many instances I failed to realize my expectations. Now I do not wish to implicate such brethren who have a disposition to pay but have not the means; only such who treat the matter with silent contempt. I am, however, glad to say there are honorable exceptions, who have our hearty thanks, not only for their kind feelings toward our Institutions, but for their prompt attention in paying their interest due on notes.

Miles traveled during the year, 4,051. Total miles traveled since the twenty-second of January, 1857, being 64,594.

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Collections—	Crumbs from the children and young folks.....	$ 145 95	
"	From "Old Folks," including remittance for photographs sent.....	288 75	
"	On old notes and interest.....	2201 45	
			$2631 15

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In cash, remitted to the President	2201 45	
Amount of traveling expenses during the year	146 85	
" for printing circulars, and photographs, and postage,	28 85	
		2374 15
Balance due the College, and paid over		$257 00
Total amount of new endowment notes, and notes handed over to the President		7100 00

Respectfully submitted,

June 10, 1874. HENRY LEONARD, *Agent.*

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3. *Report of Board of Visitors.*

The Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College met in the college building, at Tiffin, June 18, 1873, at which time the examinations of the students were in progress. The members present were Revs. N. H. Loose, S. C. Goss, Wm. H. Fenneman and I. H. Reiter. The Board organized by the election of Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, *President*, and Rev. Nathaniel H Loose, *Secretary*.

The Board attended the exercises of the examinations which, being oral, continued several days. The examinations gave a fair and full exhibit of the capabilities, acquirements and suggestiveness of the students, as well as of the ability, methods and success of the professors. The students acquitted themselves with credit, usually answering with promptness and a clear comprehension of the subject. The examinations were possessed of interest and proved satisfactory to the members of the Board. The general conduct and studiousness of the students are represented as commendable.

The College has a full corps of professors, the course of instruction is well arranged and thorough, and the internal condition and working appear to be good.

As the exercises of examinations and commencement were last year *after*, and this year *before* the annual meeting of Synod, there were, therefore, two annual examinations and commencements during the last synodical year. Though the Board as a whole were not present at the second examinations, it is represented that they very favorably compared with the first. This evinces the continued prosperity and permanent success of the institution, and also commends it to the continued and liberal patronage of the Church and the friends of sound and thorough culture.

As some ground upon which this Synod may base its judgment respecting the condition of Heidelberg College during the past year, it may be stated that the number of students in attendance was 196. Of this number the Senior Class had 8, the Junior Class

11, the Sophomore Class 22, the Freshman Class 31, and the remainder, 124, were Preparatorians.

The Board, in conclusion, would direct attention to the importance of cherishing the institution with fresh interest and increased fostering care. It has already subserved a good end in the sphere of intellectual and moral culture, and proved a great benefit to the Church; and in its success and usefulness in the past we have a sure guarantee for greater results in the future, if properly regarded and nourished by the Synod and the Church, whose real offspring it is, and to whose affection and support it is entitled.

Respectfully submitted

ISAAC H. REITER, *President.*

II. Report of Committee on Heidelberg College.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Three documents have been referred to the Committee viz: (1) The report of the Board of Visitors. (2) Report of the Agent. (3) Report of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Visitors attended *two* annual examinations of the College during the year, and report favorably as to the literary and classical advancement of the students. The faculty and students are laboring earnestly to raise the standard of the institution and to make it worthy in every way of the confidence of the Church and the community at large.

The Agent of the College, Elder H. Leonard, has been energetically engaged in the work of canvassing the Church for the endowment fund, as his report plainly shows. The available funds are increasing, and we may reasonably hope that erelong the College will be on a firm financial basis.

The Board of Trustees are very much encouraged in their work, and report very favorably. They acknowledge the receipt of $5,000 secured by the President of the College. This example is one worthy of being imitated by our wealthy members. A few such donations would go far toward giving the College the means it absolutely requires if it shall meet the demands of the Church in imparting a sound classical training. The trustees compliment highly the earnestness of the students, and the thoroughness and Christian self-denial of the members of the faculty.

We have indeed reason to be heartily glad over these reports concerning our College. It is meeting more and more the necessities of the Church that called it into existence As the College of this Synod it is indeed worthy of the support and confidence of the

Church at large, and this it should receive both in the way of students and in a further increase of its endowment.

We recommend for adoption the following:

Resolved, That this Synod repeats its expression of approval given in former years, and again earnestly recommends the College at Tiffin to the hearty and full support of those in the Church desiring to educate their sons and daughters

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Boards of Heidelberg College.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Revs. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., David Winters, D. D., Sebastian C. Goss, William McCaughey, Jacob LeFevre and John Kuelling.

The following are the members holding over:

For three years.—Revs. Henry M. Herman, John Vogt, and Messrs. Thomas Swander, Moses Marquis, William L. Snyder and John Poorman.

For two years.—Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, Jer. H. Good, D. D., and Messrs. Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., Geo. P. Williard, M. D., Warren P Noble, Esq , and Rezzin W. Shawhan.

For one year.—Revs. Herman Rust, D. D., Samuel Mease, D. D., and Messrs. Louis Baltzell, Lewis Shriver, William Barrick and Lewis Keller.

II. BOARD OF VISITORS.

Revs. Samuel Mease, D. D., Samuel B. Yockey, William H. Fenneman, William McCaughey, and Elder Conrad J. Geiger, M. D.

ARTICLE XVI.

MISSIONS.

I. Home Missions.

1. *Report of Board of Missions of Ohio Synod.*

In preparing the annual report of the Board of Missions to the Ohio Synod, our gratitude is due, first of all, to the living Head of the Church for the measure of the success that has attended our operations during the past year. Although it has been a year of financial embarrassment throughout the country, yet the work has

grown and widened, and the Synod needs only to continue perseveringly in the course thus far pursued by the Board to make it a blessed instrument in the spread of our Reformed Zion. Good and reliable men have been found, who are willing to labor upon the frontiers. The missions have all become more promising of good and speedy results. New sources of contributions have been opened, and in every respect the whole work wears a very encouraging aspect.

I. CONTRIBUTIONS.

The receipts for the year, from all sources, have been $2,295.40, the details of which will be found in the report of the Treasurer.

Since the reorganization of the Board in 1870, the annual contributions reported have been as follows:

1870–71	$381 44
1871–72	857 50
1872–73	2050 50
1873–74	2295 40

This amount could be largely increased, and ought to be, if the Classes would take measures, at their annual meetings not merely to pass resolutions, but to see to it that the cause is presented, every successive year, to each congregation within its bounds. There ought to be no difficulty in securing this result. When we think of the large work our Church is able to accomplish with moderate means, and the very many places still calling to us for aid for only a brief period, we have every inducement to do our whole duty in the case.

II. THE MISSIONS.

1. *Denver City, Colorado.*—Rev. Jos. A. Keller. At the last meeting of the Synod in Shelbyville, Rev. F. P. Hartmetz was ordained to take charge of this important mission After laboring some six months in the field, he became convinced that a minister of more experience, and especially one able to officiate in both languages, would be better adapted to the needs of the place and with the consent of the Board he resigned his situation. But who now could be found to lay hold of this difficult field? After searching for months, and making every possible effort, we were compelled at last to turn again to Rev. Keller, and beg him, for the sake of the cause, to sacrifice every consideration and to devote himself to the mission permanently. After very great trouble we secured his services, and he is now in Denver gathering together the scattered members. The prospects are still good. The neat brick church is now completed and dedicated. An immense tide of immigration is pouring into the city. The Church at large extended far too little aid toward this church building, and something more should yet be done. The missionary ought to have a support of at least $500 for the first year. It will not be needed long. Some *special collections*

ought to be taken up by the brethren for this field. On his way to Denver Rev. Keller visited the Kansas field and reports encouragingly.

2. *Hiawatha, in Brown and Nemaha Counties, Kansas.*—Rev. John H. Beck took charge of this mission one year ago. He reports three congregations with thirty-eight members. He has labored faithfully, zealously, and with great self-denial. Like a true missionary, he has visited and explored a number of fields in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, and thus has been the means of preparing the way for several other missionaries, who are now actively at work. He has been one of the most successful *missionary superintendents* we have ever had, and that without any expense to the Church His self denying labors deserve to be held in grateful remembrance by the Church

3. *Ravenna, Mercer County, Missouri.*—Rev. J. V. Lerch. In this place, not far from the Iowa line, a church was organized nearly a year ago by Rev. J. H. Beck, who visited the place at the request of the Board for the purpose of exploring the field. About three months ago the Board commissioned Rev. J. V. Lerch, of Illinois, to take charge of it, with an appropriation of $150. At our suggestion, Mr. Lerch made an effort in Princeton, the county-seat, and this has been very successful. The main difficulty here lies in the amount of appropriation. It ought to be materially increased, else the missionary can not maintain his ground. It must be remembered that money is very scarce in these newer States; yet the Ravenna congregation makes up $200, which is certainly doing very well for a small church not yet one year old.

4. *Wathena, Doniphan County, Kansas*—Rev. Charles Wieser. Appropriation, $100. This mission was founded originally by Rev. John Biery, but almost forgotten by the Church. Mr. Beck visited the people and encouraged them, and about three months ago the Board succeeded in obtaining a pastor for them, in the person of Rev. Charles Wieser, of Tiffin Classis. He has thus far labored with good success. In addition to the two congregations already in existence, he has organized a new one, in the town of Wathena, thus making the mission consist of three, as yet exclusively German. As one of these congregations lies across the Missouri River, in the State of Missouri, and another promising point is not far off, it may be judicious, at an early day, to divide the field into two separate charges.

5 *Abilene, Kansas.*—Rev. J. A. Nicolai. Within twelve miles of Abilene, on the Kansas Pacific, lies a Swiss and German settlement where Rev. Elias Bauman had been laboring gratuitously for several years. The people have a good church, but were split into two camps, one of which had forsaken the Church, and the whole interest seemed in danger of perishing. About three months ago Rev. J. A. Nicolai, of Indiana, took charge of the field; succeeded partly in reconciling the two parties, and is now encouraged in his labors. Appropriation, $150.

6. *Galion, Ohio.*—Rev. H. Williard. Unexpected obstacles have developed themselves in the way of this mission. The congregation is a good one, but has no house of worship, and the financial difficulties of the last six months have been a great embarrassment. The missionary, however, expects to make a forward movement in this direction before the present year closes.

7 *Freeport, Illinois.*—Rev. A. Schroeder Considerable progress has been made in this mission during the past year. But the aged father in charge of it recently lost his wife, and desires to be relieved. From all that we can ascertain, this mission is now in a much better condition than ever before.

8 *Center Charge, Illinois* (near Shelbyville). Rev. S. P. Myers. This mission has been materially strengthened during the past year, although it is still weak. The appropriation has been reduced to $250 for the present year.

9. *Altamont, Illinois.*—Rev. L. M. Kerschner. This mission seems to have grown rapidly under the energetic administration of Bro. Kerschner. The church at Altamont has been completed. The appropriation has been only $100, and it will now endeavor to get along without further help from the Board.

10. *Sycamore Mission, Illinois.*—D. K. Fulcason. Our missionary at this point concluded to follow an invitation to a very encouraging field in McLean County, Illinois, which had been previously explored by Rev. J. V. Lerch, and which will be self-supporting from the start, or very nearly so. In the meantime the congregations composing the Sycamore Mission are not neglected, but supplied by the brethren from Shelbyville, without charge to the Board.

11. *Heidelberg Charge, Hancock County, Ohio.* This mission became self-supporting a year ago. It may encourage the friends of missions to learn that it has now been divided into two self-supporting charges, each about being supplied with a pastor.

12. *Brown County, Ohio.* (Miami Classis Board.) Rev. Wm. Stechow. This field is in a prosperous condition, and about to become self-supporting.

13. *Church of the Cross, Cincinnati.* (Miami Board.) Rev. P. C. Prugh. This old mission of the Church, the scene of such long labors and many sacrifices on the part of its founder, is coming to see brighter days. It is really moving forward and now bids fair to get beyond its pecuniary difficulties at an early day. It has during the past year refitted its neat house of worship, completed its tower, purchased a bell, and made very encouraging growth. Appropriation, $500, which will soon be reduced.

14. *Hamilton, Ohio.* (Miami Board.) Rev. G. Z Mechling. This mission, after being under a cloud for a time, is becoming more prosperous. Encouraging additions to the membership have been made. Appropriation, $200.

15. *Bradford, Darke County, Ohio.* (Miami Board.) This mission has been vacant during the year.

16. *Greenville, Darke County, Ohio.* (Miami Board.) Rev. Wm.

McCaughey. The missionary was prostrated by illness for a large portion of the year. Pecuniary embarrassments were also very great. Since his recovery, material additions to the strength of the church have been made, and the prospects are now much better than ever before. Appropr·ation, $200.

17. *Youngstown, Ohio.* (Eastern Ohio Classis Board.) Rev. John Biery. This mission was greatly neglected for many years, and came near being disbanded altogether; but through the untiring efforts of its present pastor it is looking up, and the prospects for success are very promising. This city has about 25,000 inhabitants, and being the largest iron manufacturing place in the State, should receive the attention of the Church until able to support itself. It is probable that within a year it will become self-supporting.

18. *Leetonia, Ohio.* (Eastern Ohio Classis Board) Rev. J. M. Kendig. This place is on the Fort Wayne Road, four miles east of Columbiana. The mission was commenced a little over a year ago by the Classical Board, and Bro. Kendig was employed to give it as much attention as possible. During the winter a congregation was organized with about eighteen members. Prospects for the future very flattering indeed.

19. *Ironton, Ohio.* (Lancaster Classis Board.) Rev. G. H. Meiboom. A German mission, receiving $150 last year, $100 this year, and be self-supporting thereafter. Has a valuable church property and is in a prosperous condition.

20. *Lancaster, Ohio.* (Lancaster Board.) Rev. Wm. A. Hale. This is also in a prosperous condition, receiving $250 last year, $100 this year, and be self-supporting thereafter. This mission has two very valuable church properties.

21. *Rochester, Indiana.* A new mission, recommended by St. Joseph's Classis, needing probably $200 for a year or two. Prospects exceedingly good. The Board proposes to commission a missionary at once.

This is a very encouraging list of mission stations. May the Spirit of God work abundantly in the brethren to whom these missions have been intrusted.

III. SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

The Board has not been able to find a suitable man to take hold of this important work. The matter has not been forgotten or neglected however. It has been the subject of consideration and correspondence during the year. It is not well to act hastily in this matter, and, until the right man for the place can be found, it will be better to delay a little longer.

IV. THE DEBT OF THE BOARD.

At our last report the debt of the Board was about $500. It is now $1,150, and should not only not be increased, but it should be di-

minished as rapidly as possible. To this end we shall have to stop taking new missions on the Board, except in very rare cases. There are several very excellent openings known to the Board, but we can take no further steps until the Church supplies us with the necessary means to support them.

V. THE WORK ON THE FRONTIER.

It will be noticed that we have this year taken very decided steps forward in the way of planting our Church on the Western frontiers. Within a year Messrs. Beck, Keller, Lerch, Wieser and Nicolai have been sent out. They were not sent out any too soon. The mission in Denver, *e. g.*, would have been much easier if we could have commenced only one year earlier. It is very important that these frontier ministers be at once organized into a Classis, so that vacant fields may be looked after, new fields be supplied, the brethren mutually encourage and support each other, and a live interest be maintained in the work of the Church. Simultaneously with our efforts in Kansas, the Northwestern Board entered upon a similar movement in Nebraska, and having now three or four ministers in that State, a German Classis has been organized at once. We recommend, therefore, the adoption of the following resolution by Synod:

Resolved, That the ministers and congregations in Kansas, Missouri and Colorado be authorized to organize a Classis, embracing those States, to be known as the Classis of Kansas, with the right of subdividing so as to organize separate Classes in Missouri, Kansas and Colorado, or portions of those States, whenever the way is open; and that the first meeting take place in the Hiawatha Mission, Kansas, on Wednesday, the fourth of November, 1874, at 10 A. M.

VI. CONCLUSION.

In conclusion the undersigned begs to say that the labor connected with the correspondence of the Board has become so onerous that he would be very glad to be relieved from the presidency of the Board. He would also suggest that if the Stated Clerks receive a compensation, as is just and proper, there is no reason why a small salary should not be given to this office, seeing that the amount of writing and labor is at least treble that of any Stated Clerk.

JER. H. GOOD,

President Board of Missions.

2. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.*

W. H. Fenneman, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod.*

	DR.
Rev. L. K. Derr, S'atington Charge	$ 25 00
" J. A. Keller, Zion's "	52 35
" " " Bloomville Congregation	6 70
" Henry Wegert, Bavaria Charge	46 00
" W. H. Fenneman, Berwick Charge	13 07
" C. W. Good, Germantown "	8 00
" H. Korthouer	5 00
" E. D. Miller, Canaan Charge	8 50
" G. W. Henning, St. Paul's Congregation	5 70
" J. Kuelling, 1st Church, Cincinnati	27 00
" L. H. Kefauver, 1st Church, Tiffin	35 00
Elder P. Grammes, Secretary 1st Church, Tiffin	18 00
" C. J. Geiger, Canton Charge	25 00
" T. W. Chapman, Treasurer of Tuscarawas Classis	150 00
" D. H. Prugh, per Dr. D. Winters	100 00
Rev. J. J. Leberman, Louisville Charge	28 75
" Isaac A. Sites	10 00
" J. A. Novinger, New Bedford Charge	15 00
" Geo. Wolf, Meyerstown Congregation	55 00
" Dr. D. Winters, Mt. Zion Charge	60 50
" " " David's Church	4 50
" J. G. Ruhl, Findlay Charge	15 00
" O. J. Accola, Sec. Church, Dayton	47 50
" Amos F. Zartman, Wooster Charge	36 10
" Eli Keller	23 00
" Dr. E. H. Nevin, Race Street Church, Philadelphia	50 00
" T. J. Bacher, Fremont Charge	10 00
" Joseph H. Schlappig	1 00
" C. Lienkemper, Ebenezer Charge	5 00
" Dr. J. H. Good, St. Paul's Congregation	2 00
" Peter Vitz	15 00
" C. H. Schoepfle	3 64
" Charles Zwisler, Canfield Charge	23 00
" J. A. Peters, Alexandria "	40 20
" L. M. Kerschner, Altamont Mission	26 00
" H. Wilson	13 64
" Dr. J. H. Good, Collections in Freeport, Illinois	10 00
Olive Church, Seneca County, Ohio	9 60
Ada Church, Hardin County, Ohio	5 92
Kinnickkinnick Charge	9 28
Rev. J. C. Clapp, from the Board of Systematic Beneficence of North Carolina Classis	8 25
Mrs. Maria Keller	2 00
Rev. Dr. F. W. Kremer	100 00
" F. P. Hartmetz, from Rev. Gehr's Congregation, Philadelphia,	31 00
" J. Sechler, Hanover, Pennsylvania	10 00
" J. H. Beck	3 35
" Charles Wieser	2 00
" I. K. Loos, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania	5 00
Elder H. Keye, Treasurer of the German Iowa Classis	15 00
Rev. D. Van Horne, 1st Church, Dayton	68 00
The amount overpaid and due the Treasurer	98 92
	$1383 47

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Balance due the Treasurer at the last settlement	$ 5 70
Paid Rev. S. P. Myers, Missionary at Shelbyville, Illinois	263 64
" " A. Schroeder, " " Freeport, "	200 00
" " Wm. McCaughey, " " Greenville, Ohio	115 77
" " F. P. Hartmetz, " " Denver, Colorado Ter	127 00
" " H. Williard, " " Galion, Ohio	100 00
" " G. Z. Mechling, " " Hamilton, Ohio	50 00
" " Wm. Stechow, " in Brown County, Ohio	40 00
" " J. Hartman, for supplying Rev. J. A. Keller's Charge	40 00
" " J. H. Beck, Missionary at Hiawatha, Kansas	100 00
" " L. M. Kerschner, " " Altamont, Illinois	100 00
" " J. V. Lerch, " " Ravenna, Missouri	25 00
" " Charles Wieser, " " Wathena, Kansas	25 00
" " J. A. Keller, removal expenses, in part	86 00
" " J. V. Lerch, " "	25 00
" " J. A. Nicolai, " "	25 00
" " J. H. Beck, for exploring mission fields	5 00
" to the Denver Church building	76 64
" for Postal Orders	1 00
" " Postage and Stationery	12 55
" " Circulars	2 25
" Interest on Note in Bank	5 92
" additional on Tickets for Revs. Beck and Hartmetz to Kansas and Colorado	2 00
Total	$1383 47

The report shows that there have been paid out $98.92 more than have been received. Besides this indebtedness the Board is indebted to the different missionaries the round sum of $1,000, making the total indebtedness over $1,100.

The following are the receipts and disbursements of the Classical Missionary Boards:

Lancaster Classis, receipts	$ 311 08
" " disbursements	311 08
East Ohio " receipts	358 10
" " disbursements	277 65
Miami " receipts	341 67
" " disbursements	360 36

RECAPITULATION:

Synod's Board, receipts	1284 55
Classical Boards, "	1010 85
Total	$2295 40
Synod's Board, disbursements	$1383 47
Classical Boards, "	949 09
Total	$2332 56

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. FENNEMAN, *Treasurer of the Board of Missions.*

II. Report of Committee on Home Missions.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions submitted the following report, which was received, amended and adopted:

The Committee on Home Missions would respectfully report that two documents were referred to them, viz: the annual report of the Board of Home Missions of this Synod, the report of the Treasurer of the Board, and also an item of the report of the Board of Home Missions of our General Synod, having reference to an indebtedness of the Board of the General Synod.

We do not deem it necessary to enter into a discussion of the vital importance of this work for our Reformed Zion, nor of the holy and imperative duty of the Church with regard to the cause of Home Missions. This has been done in many former reports to this Synod. We shall, therefore, not repeat what has often been so ably set forth, and moreover what the whole Church knows to be its legitimate work, which it can not neglect without sinning against God; yea, without betraying a most precious trust, and crippling and endangering its very existence. If we have the Spirit of Christ, we have the spirit of missions; but if we have not the Spirit of our Lord and Savior, no report on missions will make us faithful in this holy work of Christian love, which Christ has commended not to the world, but to those who are imbued and regenerated by his Spirit.

In examining the annual report of your Board, and also that of its Treasurer, we find some facts which are really encouraging, whilst some other things are rather of a depressing and humiliating character It is certainly encouraging to find the statement in the report of the Board that the contributions for the cause have been steadily increasing from $381.44, in 1871, to $2,295.40, in 1874. Another pleasing feature is the fact that the Board succeeded in sending out a number of efficient and self-denying missionaries to the Western frontier, and organizing quite a number of congregations in Colorado, Kansas and Missouri. This is urging the work forward in the right direction, and we ought to be grateful to God for permitting us to make an encouraging beginning in those promising Western missionary fields.

Not so encouraging is the fact that there are still a number of missions which have been supported by missionary aid for a considerable length of time and are not yet able to get along without support from the Church at large. The increase of the contributions is cheering, but it is by far not what it ought to be, and what the Church is able to do. A debt of $1,150 is resting on the Board, about $1,000 of which the Church still owes to the missionaries. This is certainly not as it ought to be.

In addition the eleven missions under the immediate care of your Board, ten missions are reported under the care of Classical Boards. While it is commendable and important that every Classis ought to look after the mission points within its bounds, yet your Committee

think it would be more desirable if all the missions within the bounds of Synod would be placed under the direct supervision of your Board.

The way has not yet opened for the Board to employ a missionary superintendent, but it is making efforts to fill this position as soon as practicable.

In reference to the debt of the General Synod's Board of $1,143.66, reported on page 63 in the proceedings of the last General Synod, at Cincinnati, we would recommend that this Synod assume of that amount $175, and apportion the same among the several Classes, which shall raise their respective portions and pay the money to the proper Treasurer. The Committee would suggest the following apportionment, namely:

Miami	Classis	$40 00
Lancaster	"	25 00
Tuscarawas	"	25 00
Tiffin	"	20 00
St. John's	"	25 00
Eastern Ohio	"	23 00
Illinois	"	7 00
English Iowa	"	5 00
German "	"	5 00
		$175 00

Your Committee would further recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the ministers and congregations in Kansas, Missouri and Colorado be authorized to organize a Classis, embracing those States, to be known as the Classis of Kansas, with the right of subdividing so as to organize separate Classes in those States, or in portions thereof, whenever the way is open; and that the first meeting take place in Hiawatha Mission, Kansas, on Wednesday, the fourth of November, 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Resolved, That this Synod feels a deep interest in the success of the Denver Mission, under the care of Rev. Joseph A Keller, and would recommend it to the favorable notice of the Board of Church Erection for such aid as their circumstances require and the funds of the Board will admit, and request said Board to make a special appeal through the papers of the Church for such funds.

Resolved, That every congregation and pastoral charge within the bounds of this Synod, which has not as yet contributed to the cause of Home Missions, be earnestly requested to take up collections for this purpose immediately, and that the Classes be requested to see to it that every congregation will perform its duty.

Resolved, That the last preceding resolution be read by the pastors to their several charges on their return home.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KUELLING, *Chairman*.

III. Election of Board of Home Missions.

Revs. Jer. H. Good, D D., Lewis H. Kefauver, David Van Horne, George W. Williard, D. D., and Elders Lewis Keller and Philip Fry.

IV. Appropriation of Missionary Funds by German Iowa Classis.

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in item 10, the German Iowa Classis requested Synod to permit it to spend its missionary funds for missionary purposes within its own bounds. In regard to this request, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the German Iowa Classis be permitted to appropriate its missionary money within its own territory, providing it make regular reports of the same to the Board of Home Missions of this Synod.

V. Board of Church Erection Established.

The following action was adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That the Synod create a Board of Church Erection, to consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to receive all funds appropriated for purposes of church building, and distribute the same to enterprises in need, and secure the amount appropriated by mortgage on the property.

Resolved, That the Board of Church Erection be permitted to draft a Constitution and By-Laws, under which it may conduct its business until the next annual meeting of Synod, when said Constitution and By-Laws shall be submitted for Synod's approval; and, further, that the Board be instructed to incorporate itself.

Resolved, That the Board of Church Erection be authorized to receive and appropriate all funds collected for the cause of church erection.

The Board of Church Erection, as officially appointed, consists of Revs. David Van Horne, Henry M. Herman, Nathaniel H. Loose, John Kuelling and Sebastian C. Goss.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Nothing occurred.

[It would seem that Miami Classis had requested this Synod to consider the propriety of establishing a *Sunday-School Board*, but as, through some oversight, it was not brought to the attention of Synod by the proper Committee, there was no action taken in the matter by Synod.—*Stated Clerk.*]

ARTICLE XVIII.

ELECTION OF BOARDS.

The Committee on Nominations, at the afternoon session of Friday, submitted their report through the Chairman, Rev. Hiram Shaull. The report was received and adopted. The election was made the special order of the day for Monday afternoon at four o'clock. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to have the needed number of copies of the nominations printed for the use of Synod.

At the appointed time the election was held. The Revs. Charles W. Good, Michael Loucks, and Elder Dr. Asa J. Hocket were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots, and during the Monday evening session reported the result. For the result of the election see Articles XIV., Theological Seminary; XV., Heidelberg College; XVI., Missions; XXIII., Publication.

ARTICLE XIX.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES

The Committee on Overtures, on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions, in item 6, reported a paper of Rev. Henry Hanhart, containing reasons for his appeal from the decision of Miami Classis in the Schleutker case; and the Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions, reported in item 26 that he appealed from the action of Miami Classis in a certain case to this Synod. The whole subject involved, together with papers bearing on the case, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. P. Greding, Dr. S. B. Leiter, J. H. Derr, and Elders Dr. A. J. Hocket and J. Kuhn, to examine whether the appeal was in order, and, if found in order, to report the manner in which it is to be considered by Synod The Committee submitted their report on Monday afternoon, the sixth day of the sessions, and it was received, amended and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the items and the documents relating to the appeal of the Rev Henry Hanhart from the action of the Miami Classis in the case of Elder H. Wm Schleutker, would respectfully report:

1. That the appeal is in order.
2. That the appeal be taken up and disposed of in the following order:

(1.) That the documents and matters of evidence relating to the appeal shall be read and heard before the Synod.

(2.) That the appellant shall then be heard, by himself or a proper representative, and fifteen minutes to be allowed for this purpose.

(3) That the respondent shall then be heard in like manner, and twenty-five minutes be allowed him for this purpose.

(4.) That the appellant shall then be allowed ten minutes to reply.

(5.) That the yeas and nays shall then be taken on the question: Shall the appeal be sustained?

(6.) That this appeal be taken up on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER GREDING, *Chairman.*

At the appointed time the appeal was taken up for consideration. The records and papers in the case were read. The appellant was heard through his counsel, the Revs. John Kuelling and Joshua H. Derr, in support of the appeal; and the Classis of Miami was heard in reply by its counsel, the Revs. Peter C. Prugh and Henry M. Herman. The Synod then proceeded to vote in the case, and there were 17 yeas, 20 nays and 14 non-liquets, and some members of Miami Classis did not vote as they had voted in the lower court, to-wit:

Yeas.—Revs. F. W. Berleman, Dr. S. B. Leiter, S. C. Goss, F. Strassner, J. H. Derr, L. Richter, F. Schaad, A. F. Zartman, E. F. A. Schade, P. Greding, H. Kortheuer, H. Hilbish, J. J. Leberman, and Elders J. Swander, J. Kuhn, D. Zimmerman and H. Kuhn.

Nays.—Revs. Dr. D. Winters, D. Van Horne, H. Shumaker, Dr. S. Mease, E. D. Miller, Dr. J H. Good, R. Good, Dr. D. Kæmmerer, G. M Albright, C. G. A. Hullhorst, D. Lantz, N. H. Loose, S. P. Mauger, and Elders W. Nieble, J. Reider, J. Jones, J. Hilbish, J. Wilhelm, S. Elser and D A. Klingler.

Non-liquets.—Revs. W. McCaughey, H. Shaull, C. W. Hoyman, J. Vogt, H. Williard, J. S. Gough, M. Loucks, E. Herbruck, J. Steiner, Dr. H. Rust, T. J. Bacher, J. M. Grether, J. M. Kendig and E. R. Williard.

After the result of the vote had been announced, the counsel for the appellant gave notice that an appeal would be taken in the case from the decision of this Synod to the General Synod.

Thereupon the Revs. Jer. H. Good, D. D., and Henry M. Herman were appointed to defend this Synod in the Hanhart appeal case before the General Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

COMPLAINTS.

Difficulties between St. John's and Eastern Ohio Classes.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, on the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions, in item 24, reported that the St. John's Classis complained of the action of Synod in disregarding the protest of one of its delegates in treating the Louisville congregation as having been unconditionally dismissed by the St. John's Classis to the Eastern Ohio Classis; and that, in item 25, the St. John's Classis appealed from a certain action of this Synod to the next General Synod, and appointed Revs P. Greding and J. G. Zahner, D. D., to defend it before that body. This complaint and appeal were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. H. Derr, J. H. Good, D. D., J. Vogt, and Elders Wm. Nieble and J. Kuhn.

This Committee, on the evening of the last day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was received, and considered item by item :

Your Committee, to whom were referred the difficulties between the St. John's and the Eastern Ohio Classes, would respectfully report as follows :

1. Your Committee examined the action of this Synod on the matter of the Salem congregation, and have heard the explanations of the representatives of both sides, and find that this particular question was definitely settled by the action of the last Synod, and requires no further attention at our hands at this time.

2. With reference to the Louisville charge, in Stark County, your Committee would offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Louisville charge be allowed to make its own selection with regard to its classical connection and supervision.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA H. DERR, *Chairman.*

1 In regard to the *first* item in the foregoing report, after some discussion, the previous question was called for, and sustained ; and then the vote was taken, and the item was adopted.

2 The *second* item, being put on its adoption, was discussed, and finally the previous question was moved and sustained. The vote was taken by *yeas* and *nays*, and the item was adopted by 36 yeas to 7 nays, namely:

Yeas—Revs. I. H. Reiter, H. M. Herman, D. Van Horne, W. McCaughey, H. Shaull, A. S. Zerbe, C. W. Hoyman, J. Vogt, H. Williard, S. P. Mauger, J. S. Gough, Dr S. B. Leiter, N. H. Loose, S. C. Goss, M. Loucks, J. Steiner, E. D. Miller, Dr. J. H

Good, R. Good, Dr. H. Rust, T. J. Bacher, J. H. Derr, L. Richter, Dr. D. Kæmmerer, G. M. Albright, J. M. Kendig, H. Hilbish, E. R. Williard, and Elders Wm. Nieble, J. Reider, J. Swander, J. Kuhn, J. Jones, J. Hilbish, J. Wilhelm and D. A. Klingler.

Nays.—Revs. F. Schaad, E. F. A. Schade, P. Greding, J. M. Grether, C. G. A. Hullhorst, and Elders D. Zimmerman and H. Kuhn.

In this connection the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it be enjoined upon the several Classes of this Synod to strictly confine themselves to their own territory.

ARTICLE XXI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Action in regard to Charters and Incorporation.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod reported, in item 9, that the final adoption of the report of the Committee on Charters had been deferred until the meeting of this Synod, and that the Committee had been continued to report any changes that might be deemed necessary in the forms heretofore submitted, and also to report a revised form of a Constitution of a Congregation and of a Joint Consistory. Thereupon the Committee presented the following report:

The Committee on Charters, appointed by Synod in 1871, and continued during 1872 and 1873, reported to the last Synod a series of Forms of Charters, etc., which will be found in the Minutes of Synod, 1873, on pages 43 to 51. The Committee have no further changes or modifications to suggest in regard to those Forms, and recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the said Forms, as already printed, be adopted as a whole.

Moreover, the Committee, in accordance with instruction, would also herewith report the following Forms: 1. For the Constitution of a Congregation; and 2. For the Constitution of a Joint Consistory of a pastoral charge.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

The report was received and adopted.

Then, with regard to the two Forms of a Constitution reported by the Committee to this Synod, after some discussion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the reported Forms of a Constitution of a Congregation and of a Joint C[illegible]e received and embodied in

the printed Minutes, and also published in our Church papers, but that final action thereon be postponed until the next annual meeting of Synod

The Forms aforesaid, to be embodied in these Minutes, are as follows:

FORM OF A CONSTITUTION OF A CHURCH.

DIRECTIONS.

It shall be previously announced that the members of the congregation will meet at a designated time for the purpose of adopting a Constitution and By-Laws for the government of the church. At the meeting the minister shall preside, and a clerk shall keep a true record of the proceedings, and the Constitution as adopted shall be entered into the Church Book, certified to by the President and Clerk.

[*FORM.*]

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECT.

SECTION 1.—The name and title of this congregation shall be "The (Trinity) Reformed Church of (Tiffin, Seneca Co, Ohio.)"

SEC. 2.—Its object shall be to provide its members with the preaching of the Word, the administration of the Sacraments, and the exercise of Christian Discipline, in accordance with the Confession of Faith known as the Heidelberg Catechism.

SEC. 3.—This congregation shall be an organic member of the Reformed Church in the United States, and shall be governed by its Constitution and Laws.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

SEC. 1.—The officers shall be a pastor, (4) elders, and (4) deacons, who shall constitute the Consistory and the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 2.—The duties of the Pastor, Elders, Deacons and Trustees shall be such as are laid down in the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

SEC. 3.—The Consistory shall, at its annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, elect a treasurer, clerk, and such other officers as may be necessary.

SEC. 4.—The Consistory shall meet annually on (Easter Monday) for the transaction of business, and final settlement with the Treasurer and other officers; and (quarterly or monthly) on ——; and at such other times as may be necessary.

SEC. 5.—The members of the Consistory shall constitute the Board of Trustees, and shall have the management of all the property of the congregation, real, personal and mixed, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitutions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE III.

OF ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1.—Every member in good standing (and who has contributed to the support of the congregation, according to his ability, during the year preceding the election) shall be entitled to vote at all elections.

SEC. 2.—An election shall be held for pastor, whenever the Consistory shall nominate one and appoint a meeting for the purpose (according to the Constitution of the Joint Consistory of the charge). At this election a president, clerk, and three judges of election shall be appointed, who shall certify the result to the Clerk of the Consistory. Every minister who may be elected must, before he can be installed or inducted into office, be a minister in good standing in the Classis to which the congregation belong.

SEC. 3.—An election for (2) elders and (2) deacons shall be held annually on (Easter Monday), and those thus chosen shall serve two years, or until their successors are chosen and installed.

SEC. 4.—The Consistory shall, at least ten days before the day of election, nominate candidates; but this shall not prevent the congregation, on the day of election, from nominating additional names, and no previous tenure of office shall disqualify any person from being such a candidate.

SEC. 5—In case of vacancies by death, removal, or otherwise, the Consistory can, if so minded, appoint a day for a special election to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE IV.

OF MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

SEC. 1.—Every person is a member of this congregation who has been duly received into connection with it by confirmation, by letter, or by renewal of profession, according to the mode prescribed by the Constitution of the Reformed Church.

SEC. 2.—Every member shall strive to promote the general welfare of the Church, and especially by a consistent life and walk, and shall annually contribute according to his ability toward its support.

ARTICLE V.

AMENDMENTS AND BY-LAWS.

SEC. 1.—This Constitution, or any part of it, may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at a meet-

ing called for the purpose, provided that at least ten days' notice of the same shall have been given.

FORM OF A CONSTITUTION OF THE JOINT CONSISTORY OF A CHARGE.

DIRECTIONS.

It shall be publicly announced that the members of the different Consistories of the Charge shall meet at a designated time and place for the adoption of a Constitution and By-Laws for the government of the charge. At this meeting the pastor, or in his absence an elder shall preside, and a clerk shall keep a true record of the proceedings, and shall certify the Constitution as adopted to the different Consistories, who shall cause the same to be entered into their respective Church Books.

FORM.

ART. 1.—This Association shall be known as "The Joint Consistory of —— Charge, in ————," and shall be composed of the members of the Consistories of the several congregations composing the charge, and be subject to the Constitution and Rules of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ART. 2.—Its object shall be to provide the charge with the stated preaching of the gospel, and other means of grace, and to attend to whatever relates to the general interest of the charge.

ART. 3.—It shall appoint all necessary officers, such as a President, a Clerk, etc., who shall be elected at its annual meeting, and serve until their successors are elected.

ART. 4 —The Joint Consistory shall meet annually on (the Saturday before Whitsuntide), and as often during the year, upon the call of the President, as may be necessary.

ART. 5.—In case the office of pastor becomes vacant by death, resignation, or otherwise, a pastor shall be chosen in the following manner: The Joint Consistory, as such, or by a committee, may invite ministers to visit and preach in the charge. It shall then nominate one as a candidate, who shall preach in each congregation. An election shall be held in each congregation, of which due notice shall be given, and the balloting shall be FOR or AGAINST the nominee. If a majority of the votes in the whole charge be for him, a call shall be made out by the Joint Consistory.

ART. 6.—When a pastor desires to resign, he shall hand in his written resignation to the Joint Consistory, and ask that body to unite with him in requesting Classis to dissolve the pastoral rela-

tion. The Joint Consistory may provisionally accept his resignation, or may submit it to the separate congregations for their action, and shall do so if requested by six members in writing.

ART. 7.—The support of the pastor shall be distributed among the congregations as may from time to time be agreed upon in the Joint Consistory. At its annual meeting it shall be the duty of the Joint Consistory to see that this obligation is punctually discharged.

ART. 8.—The Joint Consistory may purchase and hold in trust ground for parsonage and other church purposes, improve and manage the same; and whenever any one of the congregations shall become separated from the charge by the action of the Classis it shall be entitled to an equitable repayment of its share in the same, if demanded.

ART. 9.—The time of the pastor shall be devoted to the several congregations in such ratio as shall from time to time be agreed upon by the Joint Consistory and pastor.

ART. 10.—To the Joint Consistory belongs the duty of electing delegates to Classis, Synods, and other meetings, and providing for their traveling expenses and those of the pastor.

ART. 11.—This Constitution can only be altered and amended at an annual meeting, and by a vote of two thirds of the members.

(*Note*—The Joint Consistory, especially if it holds real estate, ought to become an incorporated body, and can become such by following the directions prefixed to the "Incorporation of Congregations" previously given.)

In this connection the subjoined resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the different Forms of Charters for Congregation, Boards, Benevolent Societies, etc., as they appear in the Minutes of the Synod, 1873, on pages 43 to 51, and also the Forms of a Constitution for a Congregation and for a Joint Consistory as reported to this Synod, be translated by Rev. Peter Greding into the German language, and published in *Der Evangelist*.

Incorporation of the Ohio Synod.

During the Monday evening session, the following action respecting the incorporation of the Ohio Synod was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod hereby officially requests its members to meet in the Reformed Church, at Wooster, on Tuesday, June 16, 1874, in the morning, at eleven o'clock, for the purpose of adopting measures to incorporate itself according to law.

The Synod accordingly convened in the Reformed Church, at Wooster, Ohio, June 16, 1874, at 11 o'clock A. M., there being a majority of the members present, and organized by the election of the Rev. David Winters, D. D., *President*, and the Rev. Isaac H.

Reiter, *Clerk*. The Synod thereupon adopted the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod, desiring to become henceforward a body politic and corporate in law, now proceed to incorporate itself according to the provisions of the General Statute of the State of Ohio, and in accordance with the Form proposed by the Committee on Charters.

Resolved, That we adopt the Articles of Incorporation, as contained in the said Form, and fill out the blanks in the third Article with the names of suitable persons for Trustees.

After the adoption of the Articles of Incorporation, hereinafter embodied in the Minutes, the President declared that the official and legal title of this Synod, according to this action of Synod, would henceforth be: "*The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*"

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to furnish a certified copy of the proceedings, concerning the Incorporation of the Synod, to the Recorder of Wayne County, Ohio, and secure a certified transcript of the record from the said Recorder, to be embodied in the Minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer of Synod, for any expenses that may occur in reference to the Incorporation of Synod.

The Stated Clerk, in accordance with instructions, delivered to the Recorder of Wayne County, Ohio, a certified copy of the proceedings of the Ohio Synod in regard to its incorporation, together with a certificate of acceptance of office under the provisions of the General Statute of the State of Ohio from the Trustees, and obtained a certified transcript thereof from said Recorder, which is here copied into the Minutes as

The Articles of Incorporation of the Ohio Synod.

At a meeting of the members of the Reformed Synod of Ohio and Congregations in connection with it in other States, held at Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, on Tuesday, June 16, 1874, duly called, and at which meeting a majority of the members were present, Rev. David Winters, D. D., was elected *President*, and Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, *Clerk*. The Synod thereupon resolved, from this time forward, to become a body politic and corporate, according to the provisions of the General Statutes of the State of Ohio, as follows:

1. The name and title of the body shall be "*The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*"

2. Said Synod shall stand in organic connection with the "Reformed Church in the United States," shall be governed in all things by the "Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States," and shall administer the preaching of the Gospel and the Sacra-

ments according to the Confession of Faith known as the Heidelberg Catechism.

3. The following persons are hereby elected as Trustees of the Synod: Rev. David Winters, D. D., and Mr. Gideon G. Prugh to serve for one year; Mr. Andrew H. Baughman and Mr. Benjamin Kuhns to serve for two years; and Rev. Isaac H. Reiter and Rev. David Van Horne to serve for three years. And these Trustees shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected. The Synod shall at each annual meeting elect two Trustees, who shall hold their offices for three years.

4. All property, real, personal and mixed, that may be obtained by gift, collection, bequest, or otherwise, for charitable, religious and educational purposes, shall be managed by the Trustees, in trust, for the Synod.

5. The object of the Association shall be to found and organize Christian congregations in accordance with the Confession of Faith known as the Heidelberg Catechism; to govern and regulate the same; to establish Theological Seminaries, Mission Houses, Colleges and other Institutions; to carry on the work of Home and Foreign Missions, the education of young men for the ministry, and whatever may promote the kingdom of God upon earth.

6. The Trustees of this Synod shall also be the Trustees of "Heidelberg Theological Seminary" located at Tiffin, Ohio, founded by this Synod under its original Charter for the purpose of educating pious men for the Gospel Ministry. In administering the property of this Institution they shall be governed by the Laws and Regulations laid down for their guidance by this Synod.

DAVID WINTERS, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Clerk.*

A true copy from the original Minutes.

Attest: ISAAC H. REITER, *Clerk.*

The State of Ohio,
Wayne County, ss.

The undersigned Trustees, elected at the annual meeting of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, held at Wooster, Ohio, June 16, 1874, do hereby certify that we respectfully accept the office of Trustee aforesaid, and the provisions of the Act of Incorporation, passed by the Legislature of the State of Ohio, January 26, 1865.

ISAAC H. REITER,
DAVID WINTERS,
GIDEON G. PRUGH,
DAVID VAN HORNE,
BENJAMIN KUHNS,
ANDREW H. BAUGHMAN, } *Trustees.*

June 26, 1874.

Received and recorded July 1, A. D. 1874.

JAMES F. METHVEN, *Recorder.*

The State of Ohio,
Wayne County, ss.

I, James F. Methven, Recorder of said County, do hereby certify, that the above is a true and literal copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, as the same appear on record in this office, in Volume I. of Incorporations, pages 121 and 122.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed the seal of this office, at the City of Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, on this 6th day of July, A. D. 1874.

SEAL. JAMES F. METHVEN, *Recorder.*

The Seal of Synod.

The following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, The title of this Synod, by the incorporation of itself according to law, has been changed from that of "The Reformed Synod of Ohio and the Congregations in connection with it in other States," to that of "*The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States;*" and,

WHEREAS, The *Seal* of the Synod should conform in its inscription of the title to the aforesaid change; therefore,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have the Seal of the Synod so modified, in regard to the title, as to read: "*The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*"

Certificates of Licensure and Ordination.

The subjoined resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have a suitable number of blank Certificates of Licensure and Ordination printed.

Pastoral Letter on Ministerial Support.

During the afternoon session of the sixth day of the sessions, the Committee on the Minutes of Classes reported, in item 8, that the Tuscarawas Classis requested this Synod to send down to the churches a pastoral letter in regard to ministerial support The item was adopted, and the request was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. J. H. Good, D. D, P C. Prugh, J. H. Derr, and Elders Barney Zimmerman and John Bolender.

This Committee, on the morning of the last day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Dearly Beloved in the Lord:

We take the liberty of addressing you frankly with respect to a great evil that exists in many of our churches, and to which our attention has been specially directed. The proper success of our ministers in their labors is often greatly hindered by the insufficient support which they receive, and by the irregularity in the payment of the same. They thus often become involved in debt, are oppressed with care and anxiety in respect to themselves and their families, and are less able to labor with comfort and efficiency in the fields to which they have been called. We strongly urge upon you to provide liberally for them, because this is right in itself; it is enjoined upon us by Christ and his inspired Apostles; and we are persuaded that it will be attended with many blessings to the members of the congregations themselves. We are free to speak of these things, precisely because the individual pastors do not always feel free to speak of it themselves. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and it is the duty of the Consistories and the members to see to it, that material as well as moral support be afforded to those who minister in sacred things.

It is the earnest wish and desire of this Synod to say to the churches plainly that we have been too negligent in this matter, and that we have allowed our churches to be too careless in this matter of ministers' salaries. We therefore ask you to lay this matter to heart, and we direct the Classes to inquire:

1. Whether your charge provides a proper and adequate support for their pastor and family.

2. Whether you provide this support *punctually*, *i. e.*, whether you pay it up in full every month, or quarter, or half-year, as the case may be.

3. Whether you provide them with a suitable parsonage, and such other help, as may be in your power.

And in order that the Classes may act understandingly in this matter, the Consistories are requested to investigate this subject fully before the annual meetings of the Classes, so that their delegated elders may be enabled to report properly.

By order of the Synod of Ohio.

Very truly yours in the Lord,

JER H. GOOD,
JOSHUA H. DERR,
PETER C. PRUGH } *Committee.*
BARNEY ZIMMERMAN,
JOHN BOLENDER,

In connection with the adoption of the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Rev. E. F. A. Schade be instructed to translate the aforesaid Pastoral Letter into the German language for the columns of *Der Evangelist.*

Ecclesiastical Relation of Baptized but Unconfirmed Children.

The following paper of inquiry was submitted for the consideration of Synod, namely:

What is the ecclesiastical relation of baptized but unconfirmed children to the particular congregation of which their parents are regular members; and are they, and how are they, to be dismissed to another congregation if this be desired?

On motion, this paper was received and referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. H. Derr, J. H. Good, D. D., H. M. Herman, and Elders Wm. Hoff and Jos. F. Kemp, to report thereon. This Committee on the afternoon of the last day of the session submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee, to whom was referred certain interrogatories with reference to the relation of baptized but unconfirmed children to the particular congregation of which their parents are members, and in reference to the dismission of such to other congregations, would respectfully report as follows:

The matter submitted to your Committee for consideration embodies two distinct, though somewhat closely connected subjects, or separate interrogatories

1. "What is the relation of baptized but unconfirmed children to the congregation of which their parents are members?" This question is answered by the Constitution of the Church. Article 87, under the head of Discipline, says: "All baptized persons are members of the church, under its care and subject to its government and discipline." This membership must hold through particular congregations, and the care and government and discipline must be exercised by the consistories and congregations through which such membership holds. Hence, according to Article 40 of the Constitution, the children, herein contemplated, must hold their membership, be subject to the care, government and discipline of the congregation to which their parents belong, as long as their connection with such congregation has not been dissolved in an orderly manner. As long as the relation herein contemplated holds it remains the duty of ministers (see Article 125) and of congregations (see Article 127) to care for the proper instruction and moral Christian conduct of such children, and it is equally the solemn duty of such children to attend upon and receive such instruction, as well as to attend upon the public services of the sanctuary and to submit to the care, government and discipline contemplated in the Constitution of the Church It is, moreover, the duty of the parents, under the provisions of the Constitution, and especially in view of their solemn baptismal vows and obligations, to enforce, by all proper parental control, compliance on the part of their children with the principles and duties herein stated. Of course any interference, from any source whatever with the constitutional relations and duties here stated, is highly improper and disorderly.

The second interrogatory is this: "Are these baptized but unconfirmed children to be dismissed, if desired, and how?" The answer to this interrogatory is contained in Article 130 of the Constitution, as well as involved in the principles and duties hereinbefore stated. Members of the Church (not only communicant members) removing from one congregation to another, are to be dismissed to the congregation to which they remove by proper certificate. This applies to baptized but unconfirmed members as well as to those in full communion, as must necessarily follow from the relations in which we have seen such unconfirmed members to stand to their particular congregation. In case of the removal of parents the unconfirmed children should be named in the certificate of dismission so as to be recorded for pastoral and congregational care. Should children and parents desire a transfer of the membership of such children for any proper cause, without the transfer of the parents, their regular dismission should first be obtained before such transfer is made, and a certificate of such dismission designating their degree of membership should be granted to them as in the case of communicant members.

Your Committee would add the following resolution:

Resolved, That we call the attention of all our pastors, consistories, congregations and members to the principles herein stated, and earnestly urge upon them their careful observance.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA H. DERR,
J. H. GOOD,
H. M HERMAN,
WM. HOFF,
JOS. F. KEMP,
} *Committee.*

Two Additional Columns to Statistical Report.

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in item 18, the Miami Classis requested Synod to add two columns to the Statistical Report, namely, *excommunicated* and *contingent*. In regard to this the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the item be adopted, and that a separate column for the *excommunicated* and also for *contingent* contributions, be added to the present Statistical Report, and that the several Classes are hereby requested to observe this modification in preparing their next annual Statistical Reports.

The Division of Illinois Classis.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, in item 22, reported that the Illinois Classis requested this Synod to permit it to divide its territory into two Classes. The item was adopted, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the action of Illinois Classis, respecting the division of the State of Illinois into two Classes, according to a boundary line agreed upon, be confirmed by this Synod.

The Logansport, Peoria and Burlington Railroad, running east and west, forms the division line. The territory north of this line shall be known as the *Illinois* Classis, to meet in annual session at Foreston, October 7, 1874, at 7 P. M.; and that south of it as the *Shelbyville* Classis, to meet in annual session at Shelbyville, August 20, 1874, at 7 P. M.

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in item 12, the German Iowa Classis requested Synod to change its name to Ursinus Classis. In regard to this request the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the German Iowa Classis be permitted to change its name from that of German Iowa to that of *Ursinus* Classis.

During the afternoon of the second day of the sessions, the Committee on Overtures, in item 1, reported a regular certificate, bearing the signatures of the officers of the Synod of the Northwest, dismissing the St Joseph's Classis, connected with that Synod, to the Ohio Synod. The item was adopted, and, on motion, it was

Reso'ved, That, having presented the evidence of an official dismission from the Synod of the Northwest, the St. Joseph's Classis be received into organic connection with the Ohio Synod, and that its name be entered upon the roll of Classes of this Synod.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, in item 14, reported, on Friday afternoon, that the St. John's Classis requested Synod to be dismissed to the Synod of the Northwest. The subject matter of the request was duly considered, and, after considerable discussion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the request of the St. John's Classis, for a dismission to the Synod of the Northwest, be respectfully referred back to the St. John's Classis.

Difficulties Between Illinois and Milwaukee Classes, Etc.

The Committee on Overtures, on the morning of the fourth day of the sessions, in item 5, reported a paper from the Synod of the Northwest, in regard to certain difficulties between the Illinois Classis of the Ohio Synod and the Milwaukee Classis of that Synod.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon of the sixth day of the sessions, reported, in items 5 and 6, that Illinois Classis requested Synod to except Chicago in its action, which grants the whole State of Illinois as territory to Illinois Classis; that it reiterated its former request to be relieved from the encroachments made on its territory by Milwaukee Classis; and that, in item 7, it directed the attention of this Synod to the fact that it preferred charges against the Rev. William Küntzel.

The several actions and requests, aforesaid, were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. H. Williard, M. Loucks, E. F. A. Schade, and Elders John Wilhelm and H. Dillier. This Committee, during the evening of the last day of the sessions submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the request and complaint from the Synod of the Northwest, and items from the Classis of Illinois involving the question of geographical classical division between the Milwaukee Classis and the Northern Illinois Classis, resulting in the troubles of the Loran charge, recommend the following as an equitable and just course for the amicable adjustment of the complicated difficulties involved in the case.

A While the above charge lies within the geographical bounds of the Illinois Classis, it nevertheless has always been in regular connection with Classes now connected with the Synod of the Northwest; and besides the General Synod has at its last triennial meeting declared it constitutional, that Classes and Synods may be formed on the basis of language, leaving each English and German to make its own election in their classical and synodical connections. It is the opinion of your Committee, which is hereby recommended for adoption, viz: that said charge, with all its appurtenances, by constitutional right, is under the care and jurisdiction of Milwaukee Classis of the Synod of the Northwest.

B. The resolutions adopted by the Classis of Illinois apprising this Synod of its action pertaining to the Rev. Wm Küntzel, your Committee suggest that this Synod has no jurisdiction in the case, and being unacquainted with the facts involved, and it being impossible to form an intelligent and righteous decision without hearing the testimony from both parties, refer Illinois Classis or any of its members, who may have any grievances pertaining to the interests of our beloved Zion, or any allegations against a member of Milwaukee Classis, to bring their action before said Classis as the proper tribunal for the adjudication of such matters.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the action to [illegible] of the Northwest.

Action Respecting Knepper's Restoration.

The Committee on Overtures, on Friday morning, the third day of the sessions, in item 2, reported that they had received certain papers having reference to Henry Knepper and asking for his restoration to the gospel ministry. These papers were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs Reuben Good, Geo. M. Albright, Thos. H. Winters, and Elders John Jones and George Mathes. This Committee, on the afternoon of the last day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and put on its adoption. The report was discussed and amended; and finally a substitute for the proposed resolutions was submitted and prevailed. The report was then adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom the documents relating to Henry Knepper were referred, beg leave to report:

That three petitions and one printed document were placed in their hands.

1. The *first* petition comes from the charge formerly served by the Rev. Henry Knepper, and at present by the Rev. Charles G. A. Hullhorst. It is signed by the present pastor, the whole Consistory and nearly 100 members and citizens.

The *second* petition is signed by 51 women.

The *third* petition is signed by 6 clergymen of Orangeville and vicinity.

All these petitioners complain of the irregularities and unconstitutionalities of the proceedings in the case of Henry Knepper, and pray Synod to adopt measures for his restoration to the gospel ministry.

2. The printed ducument is a defense by the accused himself, reviewing the whole case.

The Committee recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That, under all the circumstances of the case, we think it inexpedient to take any further action in this perplexing case.

Resolved, That this Synod greatly regrets the irregularities committed in the course of the trials of the Rev. Henry Knepper before the Classes and Synods, but we feel that to reopen the case would not lead to any good results.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN GOOD, *Chairman.*

On the adoption of the foregoing report, the Rev. Charles G. A. Hullhorst asked to have his name recorded in the Minutes, as having voted in the *negative* in this action of Synod.

Programme for Organization of Next Synod.

In relation to this the following action was adopted.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk announce in the call for the next annual meeting of Synod, that the following programme will be observed in its organization:

1. The Synod will meet on Wednesday evening at 7½ o'clock, and proceed to perfect its organization by the enrollment of the members, the election of officers, and the appointment of the standing committees during the evening session.

2. The opening sermon by the President shall be preached on Thursday evening.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

1. *Report of the Treasurer of Synod.*

J. H. Good, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of Ohio.*

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Amount received from May 1, 1873, to June 1, 1874, from the several Classes, as follows:

Miami Classis.

Amount, in part, per Rev. S. Mease, Treasurer	$ 88 00

Lancaster Classis.

Amount, in part, per Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Treasurer	98 50

Tuscarawas Classis.

Amount, in full, per Hon. T. W. Chapman, Treasurer	164 18

Tiffin Classis.

Amount, in full, per Rev. J. H. Good, Treasurer	126 60

St. John's Classis.

Amount, in full, per Rev. H. Kortheuer, Treasurer	128 43

Eastern Ohio Classis.

Amount, in full, per J. Greenameier, Treasurer	119 34

Illinois Classis.

Amount, in part, per Rev. S. P. Myers, Treasurer	98 90

English Iowa Classis.

Amount, in full, per Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treasurer	36 50

German Iowa Classis.

Amount, in part, per Henry Keye, Treasurer	49 50
Total receipts	$910 00

CONTRA. CR.

By amount overpaid, as per last year's report	$ 302 71
Interest paid the bank on the same	17 50
Rev. L. H. Kefauver, printing tickets at Synod	1 50
Sexton at Shelbyville	10 00
Printing English Minutes of Synod	204 00
Interest on money borrowed to pay Minutes of Synod	3 80
Rev. J. Kuelling, translating Minutes of 1872	20 00
Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst, delegate of Illinois Classis to Synod of Canton,	10 00
Rev. J. Sechler, " " " " " "	10 00
Dr. G. W. Williard, expenses as delegate to the Reformed Dutch Synod in 1872	30 00
Rev. I. H. Reiter, balance on account of 1872	4 42
" " traveling expenses to Synod	15 25
" " postage stamps	10 00
" " mailing, wrapping paper, etc	7 00
" " postage and stationery	5 00
Postage and stationery for Treasurer	7 50
Total payments	$658 68
Amount balance in the treasury	$251 82

INDEBTEDNESS TO SYNOD.

The several Classes are in arrears to Synod, as follows:

Miami Classis.

Balance due on bill of 1873	$209 46

Lancaster Classis.

Balance due on bill of 1873	29 90

Illinois Classis.

Balance due on bill of 1873	122 34

German Iowa Classis.

Balance due on bill of 1873	37 69
Total amount due Synod from the Classes	$399 39

THE DEBTS OF SYNOD.

Assessment of General Synod of 1872	$450 00
The expenses for the year will be about (in addition)	500 00
Amount due Rev. I. H. Reiter, as Stated Clerk for 1873	40 00

Respectfully submitted,

JER. H. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

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2. *Report of Committee on Finance.*

The Standing Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

We beg leave to submit the following report:

1. That we have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

2 That the report reveals a sad delinquency on the part of several of the Classes, namely, Miami, Lancaster, Illinois and German Iowa; and, in the opinion of the Committee, this Synod should deem it of the highest import that its financial interests be carefully guarded, and that the amounts still due and unpaid be forthcoming immediately when assessed; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly requests a speedy settlement of its claims against these respective Classes.

THEODORE J. BACHER, *Chairman.*

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3. *Payment of Bills by Treasurer Authorized.*

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay Rev. J. H. Derr $12 for traveling expenses, as counsel in a certain case to the General Synod in 1872; Revs. J. Kuelling and H. Kortheuer, the amount of their bill for expenses accruing in the prosecution of their work as Committee on the German Liturgy; Rev I. H. Reiter, as per bill, for semi-centennial blanks, for the recording of the Articles of Incorporation of the Ohio Synod, for the modification of the title of Synod in its official Seal, and for the printing of Certificates of Licensure and Ordination; and the Sexton of the Reformed Church at Wooster $10 for his services during the sessions of Synod.

ARTICLE XXIII.

PUBLICATION.

1. *Report of the Board of Publication.*

The Board of Publication elected by the Synod at its sessions in Shelbyville, Ill., 1873, beg leave respectfully to report as follows:

The Board met in Cincinnati on June 2, 1874. The members present were Rev. D. Van Horne, Elders Andrew H. Baughman and Valentine C. Tidball. An organization was effected with Rev. D. Van Horne as President, and V. C Tidball as Secretary.

While the Board has not enlarged the number of its publications during the past *year*, it has, nevertheless, several items of interest and importance to communicate.

An assistant editor has been appointed during the past year in the person of Rev. A. S. Zerbe, a graduate of the College and Seminary at Tiffin. This appointment, we think, has given great satisfaction to the friends and patrons of the *Christian World*, and we bespeak for both the editors the continued confidence and co-operation of the pastors and members of [illegible] congregations.

During the past year an arrangement has been entered into by which an Eastern Department of the *Christian World* has been provided for, under the charge of Rev. S. H. Reid, Milton, Pa., as Editor. This change seemed to be called for to supply a demand already existing in the East, which would have resulted probably in the origin of a new journal, thus dividing the patronage of the *World*.

In creating this department there was no design to trespass upon the territory of any other publication, but simply to supply a demand as yet not provided for. The new arrangement secures a great advantage to the readers who are members of the Reformed Church, by furnishing a large increase of original and denominational matter, and by giving the latest news of the Church on both sides of the Alleghenies.

An offer was made by the Editor of the *Christian World*, Rev. S. Mease, that if one thousand subscribers should be obtained before the meeting of this body, that he would donate fifty cents for each subscriber, so obtained, to the founding of a Printing Establishment. The names of only two hundred and thirty-six subscribers were forwarded in answer to the repeated offers made, and, therefore, as the conditions were not complied with, it is the opinion of the Board that the Editor can not justly be held accountable for any amount.

The Synod at its last annual sessions authorized the Board to devise ways by which a Printing Establishment might be founded, to be reported at this meeting.

The Board has taken this matter in careful consideration and heartily approves of the idea of starting a Printing Establishment under the exclusive control of Synod.

We would therefore suggest that one of the following plans be adopted by Synod:

(1) That a lot and building be purchased (or lot be purchased and suitable building erected) in an approved location, and stocked with machinery and materials, not to exceed in cost twenty thousand dollars; and that a loan for this amount be negotiated for with wealthy members of the Church, offering the whole property to them as security. Further, that the establishment purchase the subscription list of the *Christian World* and that all the publications be owned by Synod, and all the officers be paid regular salaries, and the profits of the establishment go into the treasury for the benefit of the Church.

(2) Or, that the plan proposed to Synod at its annual sessions in 1870, be substantially adopted, and a voluntary association be formed, owning all the stock and receiving all the moneyed profits. [See Minutes of Synod for 1870, pages 73 and 74.]

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE, *President*.

2. *Report of Committee on Publication.*

The Standing Committee on Publication submitted the following report, which was received, amended and adopted:

The Committee on Publication beg leave to report as follows:

The only paper in our hands is the report of the Board of Publication, in which the attention of the Synod is particularly directed to three items:

1. The appointment of the Rev. Alvin S. Zerbe, Assistant Editor of the *Christian World*, who has entered upon his work, and has thus far given great satisfaction to its readers.

2. An Eastern Department has been added to the *Christian World*. This supplies a want in the Church and gives additional church news.

3. The Board of Publication, according to the request of Synod, considered the subject of starting or founding a Printing Establishment, and is convinced that the time has come when the Synod of Ohio should undertake such a project. The Board presented two plans. The first plan proposes that the Synod own the property and receive the profits. The other, that it be the property of a joint stock company. The two plans are fully set forth in the report and need no further description here.

The Committee have considered the subject and heartily approve of the sentiment expressed by the Board. No subject is of more importance to the prosperity of the Church than her publication interests. The religious press exerts an influence which is but little inferior to that of the pulpit. How important, then, that the Church have her printing establishment. No more appropriate time could be selected for starting it than the semi-centennial year.

The Committee therefore suggest the following action:

Resolved, That the Synod adopt the first plan presented by the Board.

Resolved, That the plan be referred to a special committee who shall be authorized to collect publication funds, to ascertain whether loans can be obtained, to propose a location, and to perfect the plan, and to report at the next annual meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN GOOD, *Chairman.*

The Committee called for in the last resolution of the foregoing report consists of Revs. T. J. Bacher, J. H. Good, D. D., L. H. Kefauver, and Elders John Hilbish and Jacob Kuhn.

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3. *Election of the Board of Publication.*

Revs. David Van Horne, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Peter C. Prugh, and Messrs. Andre[illegible] man and Valentine C. Tidball.

4. *Circulation of Our Publications.*

The following paper was submitted, and, on motion, adopted:

Believing that intelligence and information on the part of our families and membership are of the utmost importance to the success of the Church; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested by this Synod to meet at some early day, and seek to adopt and carry out such measures as will promote the circulation and use of our church paper and other publications.

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5. *Deficit on Publication of English Liturgy.*

The following paper was submitted by Synod:

The undersigned would hereby notify the Synod that there is still a deficiency of $400 due on the publication of the English Liturgy, and would request that this Synod provide for the payment of the same.

GEO. W. WILLIARD.

The action adopted on this paper is as follows:

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to take measures to circulate as many copies of the English and the German Liturgy during the year as possible, and that Dr. Williard report to the next Synod a full statement of the expenses and receipts on account of the Western Liturgy.

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5. *Completion and Publication of German Liturgy.*

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Synod, in item 2, the Committee on the German Liturgy was continued from last year, to report to this Synod. The Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee for the translation and publication of the German Liturgy would respectfully report:

That it had two joint meetings with the Committee of the Synod of the Northwest during the last year—the one held at Cincinnati, and the final meeting at Galion, O. At these meetings the revision of the manuscript was completed and the contract for printing the book was given to the Evangelical Reformed Buch-Anstalt at Cleveland, Ohio. One thousand copies of the book were ordered to be printed. The Liturgy will prove not to be a verbal, but a free translation or reproduction of the English book of the two Western Synods, with the addition of two weekly series of family prayers, as also family prayers for the leading festivals of the Church Year. The book

should have been ready for sale last February or March, but your Committee was disappointed in this expectation by the very slow progress of the respective printing establishments. It is expected, however, that the work will be in the market in about two months. Hoping that this book will give general satisfaction to our German Churches, and will be the *finis* of the long agitated liturgical movement in our Zion, we recommend it most heartily to the German portion of our Church, and trust it will, by the grace of God, be the means of uniting and strengthening in true devotion and worship in the service of the sanctuary, as also at the family altar, those for whom it is intended.

In conclusion your Committee would recommend to leave the whole pecuniary responsibility and possible profits, with regard to the printing and sale of the Liturgy, to the Buch-Anstalt at Cleveland, in case it should be willing to assume the same.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KUELLING,
HERMAN KORTHEUER, } *Committee.*

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7. *Publication of Minutes of Synod.*

The action adopted is as follows:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1,400 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Ohio Synod.

The General Semi-Centennial Committee appointed by the last Synod was increased by the addition of three members by this Synod, and as thus constituted consists of Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, Henry M. Herman, Lewis H Kefauver, David Van Horne, Peter C. Prugh and John Kuelling. This Committee submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The General Committee, appointed by Synod to carry out the measures proposed respecting the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Ohio Synod. and to make such suggestions and arrangements as might be deemed necessary to give interest and success to the whole movement, would respectfully report:

That they have given the general subject due consideration, and aimed to carry into full effect the action of the last Synod. To this end they published a statement in the *Christian World*, November 13, 1873, setting forth the true idea and object of the semi-centennial movement, endeavoring to bring the whole matter before the Church in intelligent and definite form, urging a hearty acquiescence and general co-operation, and giving directions respecting the *manner* in which the practical work was to be accomplished. Some private correspondence was likewise carried on by the Chairman, who also forwarded to the officers of Classes and to some individuals suitable blanks, with a special reference to the semi-centennial fund.

In some congregations and charges the subject has received considerable attention, both in the way of appropriate services and contributions. As to the extent of the work accomplished and the actual results reached, no extended nor definite statement can be given at this date, as but few reports have been received. It would, however, seem that the action of Synod has not been as generally and efficiently regarded as its importance and significance demand; and that it will be necessary to continue the practical operations during the remaining part of the year, or at least until the next annual meetings of the Classes, in order to complete the work.

The Committee, in accordance with the instructions of the last Synod, would submit the following suggestions and recommendations to the Synod:

1. That the Synod urge upon the several Classes, pastors and congregations the importance of an immediate and vigorous prosecution of the work, with the view, if possible, of completing it by the next annual meetings of the Classes.

2. That, as far as practicable, some appropriate religious services be held by the several Classes during their next annual meetings.

3. That the names of the members both communicant and baptized, and also of the general contributors to the semi-centennial fund, and of the amounts contributed, shall be recorded in the records of each congregation respectively; and that an accurate copy of such records, together with the historical material and sketches of the respective congregations within the bounds of Synod, shall be forwarded, as soon as completed, to the *Chairman* (Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, Miamisburg, Ohio) of the Committee appointed for this purpose; and that these documents be subsequently properly arranged and deposited in the Library of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio.

4. That the free-will offerings of congregations and individuals, contributed to the semi-centennial fund, shall be paid over to the respective Treasurers for the objects specified in the Minutes of Synod, 1873, page 62, and the amounts thus paid over shall be reported in the records forwarded to the Chairman.

5. That among the persons appointed to prepare papers on designated subjects, as found in the Minutes of 1873, page 61, those

numbered 3, 4, 7 and 9 have failed to prepare the papers requested by Synod.

6. That the essays ordered to be prepared by the last Synod on certain benevolent interests of the Church, namely, Foreign Missions, Church Extension and Beneficiary Education, be included among the semi-centennial papers.

7. That the services commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Ohio Synod shall commence on Thursday (11th) instead of on Friday evening (12th), as heretofore proposed by Synod, and that they be observed according to the following programme:

(1.) *Thursday Evening.*—Address: "A history of the Ohio Synod, together with brief historical sketches of the early fathers and founders of the Reformed Church in the West," by Rev. Isaac H. Reiter.

(2.) *Friday*, 3 *P. M.*—Essays: (a.) On *Foreign Missions*, by Rev. Isaac H. Reiter; (b.) *Church Extension*, by Rev. David Van Horne; and (c.) *Beneficiary Education*, by Rev. John M. Kendig.

(3.) *Friday Evening.*—Two papers: (a.) "A history of our Literary and Theological Institutions," by Rev. Jer. H. Good, D. D.; and (b.) "A historical sketch of the publication interests of the West," by Rev. Samuel Mease.

(4.) *Saturday Evening.*—Two papers: (a.) "A dissertation on the true idea and importance of Christian Benevolence," by Rev. Herman Rust, D. D.; and (b.) "A concise history of the several Classes," by Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver.

(5.) *Sunday*, June 14, the day commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Ohio Synod, was designed to be observed with special religious services, which were to be opened with a sermon by Rev. David Winters, D. D.; but, as he is providentially incapacitated for the duty assigned him, it is suggested that the communion sermons be accepted as a substitute, and that special prominence be given on the occasion to the communion of the Lord's Supper.

8. That the *last Sunday* in the present year be observed as a day of thanksgiving and praise, when the semi-centennial services shall close, and all that pertains to the whole movement shall be completed and consummated.

9. That the two historical addresses* delivered before Synod, as semi-centennial papers, by Revs Isaac H. Reiter and Dr. Jer. H. Good, be embodied in the printed Minutes, and that one thousand copies thereof be published separately in pamphlet form.

In conclusion, brethren, let us "thank God and take courage." Fifty years of our synodically organized existence have been passed

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*The original action proposed by the Committee was that *all* the semi-centennial papers be published in *book* form. Since the adjournment of Synod, in accordance with the expressed wishes of many, it has been agreed to carry into effect the original proposition by individual enterprise, with the addition of some other papers of interest, and hence the said two addresses do not appear in the printed Minutes.—*Stated Clerk.*

away, and along their course are observed many and varied changes, and also marked progress and improvement Much has been accomplished in the past. Let us, therefore, be grateful and joyous amid the present commemorative services. But let us not forget that there still remains much to be done for Christ and human salvation. Hence let us properly estimate and improve the privileges and opportunities of this memorial year. Let the vital significance and inspiration of the semi-centennial movement prove a happy prelude and impelling force to great achievements and noble triumphs by the Reformed Church in the future. Few of us may live to share in the work and the services of the *centennial* anniversary of the Ohio Synod. Many events and changes will take place during the intervening fifty years! But, whatever may transpire, let us be constantly impressed that we have a work to do in our day and generation; and that this work must be accomplished "while it is called to-day." Let us, therefore, strive manfully and work faithfully unto the end, ever looking unto Jesus, who is the true source of ever-present help and the consummating glory of the endless years of heavenly association and felicity!

Respectful y submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

In this connection the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to whom shall be referred all papers and reports of congregations and charges which are prepared with reference to the present semi-centennial movement.

The Committee consists of Revs I. H. Reiter, Dr. J. H. Good, P. C. Prugh, D. Van Horne, E. D. Miller, and Elders John Hilbish and Benj. Kuhns.

It was also, on motion,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have the essays, which were read before Synod, respectively, on *Foreign Missions*, by Rev. I. H. Reiter; on *Church Extension*, by Rev. D. Van Horne; and on *Beneficiary Education*, by Rev. J. M. Kendig, together with the dissertation on *Christian Benevolence*, by Rev. Dr. H. Rust, published in the *Christian World* during the present year.

The Committee on Overtures, on Friday morning, the third day of the sessions, in item 4, reported a paper from Rev. Solomon K. Denius, with the request that it be read before Synod by Rev H. M. Herman, which was accordingly done Thereupon a committee, consisting of Revs. J. H. Derr, J. J. Leberman and E. H. Otting, was appointed, to whom the said paper was referred. This Committee, during Tuesday afternoon, the last day of the sessions, presented their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the letter and address of the Rev. S. K. Denius, would respectfully report:

That it has prepared a reply to the documents of the reverend and aged brother, which is herewith submitted for Synod's disposal, along with which we submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That we direct the officers of Synod to forward to Rev. S. K. Denius a copy of the letter submitted to this Synod by the Committee on this subject, and also of these proceedings.

Your Committee would further state that a subscription was taken up by the Committee, amounting to thirty dollars and fifty cents, with reference to which we propose the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Rev. H. M. Herman be requested to receive this amount, and to hand it over to Bro. Denius for his use.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA H. DERR, *Chairman.*

The Subject of Temperance.

The following preamble and resolutions were laid before Synod, and, after being discussed and amended, were adopted:

WHEREAS, The sin of intemperance, growing out of the use of intoxicating liquors, has assumed the form of a widespread, national evil, and as such is antagonistic to the interests of all our institutions, which, in Church and State, we hold near and dear; and,

WHEREAS, Every true Christian and patriot has just cause for fear, in view of the growing evil of intemperance, and kindred or consequent sins; therefore,

Resolved, That we sympathize with the object of the late temperance movement of our country, and rejoice at the measure of success attained in the suppression of intemperance in the land.

Resolved, That, in the firm conviction that wholesome laws are the powers ordained of God for the punishment of evil-doers and for the praise of them that do well, we will not fail to use our influence to educate the people, and especially the children and youth, up to such standard of public opinion as is necessary to first *give* and secondly *enforce* such laws as shall wholly free us from this great calamity of intemperance.

Invitation to Visit Wooster University.

During the morning session, of the second day of the sessions, the Rev. Archibald A. E. Taylor, D D., President of Wooster University, appeared in Synod, and, after a few appropriate remarks, which were properly responded to by the President of Synod, cordially invited Synod to visit that institution at such time as might prove convenient.

With reference to this invitation the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod thankfully receives and cheerfully accepts the kind invitation of Dr. Taylor, and will make the visit in a body on Saturday afternoon, immediately after the preparatory services.

At the appointed time the visit was made by the Synod, in a body, and proved highly satisfactory to its members.

On the fourth day of the sessions the attention of the Synod was directed to the action of the General Synod, contained in its Minutes, 1872, page 63, in regard to the apportionment of the indebtedness of the General Board of Home Missions among the several District Synods, according to the ratio of church-membership. This matter, having been overlooked by the last Synod, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Missions.

On the afternoon of the third day of the sessions, Revs. T. J. Bacher, J. Vogt, and Elder Dr. C. J. Geiger were appointed a committee through whom all applications for leave of absence are to be made.

The Committee attended to the duties assigned them, and their recommendations were approved by Synod.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Vote of Thanks.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Ohio Synod are hereby tendered to the members of the Reformed Church and the citizens of Wooster and vicinity, for their kindness in entertaining so generously the members of Synod during its sessions; and that the pastor *loci* be requested to read the same from the pulpit, and also have it published in the newspapers of Wooster.

The roll was called, and the members of Synod found absent without an excuse were Revs. Samuel Mease, D. D., Charles W. Good, Henry F. Long, Edward Herbruck, Frederick Strassner, Jesse Hines, Philip Becker, Jon. A. Novinger, Herman Kortheuer, Edward H. Otting, Peter J. Spangler, and Elders John Zehner, Henry Dillier, John Bolender, George Ream, Christian Otzenberger, John Limbach, John Unger, Uhlrich Ruegsegger and Jeremiah Werth.

The reading of the Minutes for the last day was dispensed with, and they were adopted as a whole, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the Synod now adjourns to meet again in annual sessions in the Reformed Church at Miamisburg, Montgomery County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the twenty first of April, A. D. 1875, at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

The Synod, adjourning on Tuesday evening, June 16, at 10½ o'clock in the evening, closed with singing, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, prayer by Rev. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., and the benediction by the President.

DAVID WINTERS, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Cong'n	CHARGES.	Members	Members Unconfi'd	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Excom'n'ns or erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Schools	No. Scholars	Contributions for benevolence	Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
David Winters, D. D.	4	Mt. Zion	585	200	24	28		502	4	11	9	4	280	$201 00	30	Dayton, O.
	1	Cæsar's Creek	70	30	2	5		6		4		1	50	24 00	8	Xenia, Greene Co., O.
Samuel B. Yockey	2	Xenia and Beaver	235	60	3	10	5	220		3	8	2	220	282 86	12	" " " "
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	1	Miamisburg	200	155	19	7	4	170			9	1	150	97 75	15	Miamisburg, Montgomery Co., O.
George Z. Mechling	2	Hamilton	68	42	2	2		67	7	2	1	2	190	20 00	1	Hamilton, O.
Henry M. Herman	3	West Alexandria	356	125	31	28	3	330		2	5	3	350	69 23	20	West Alexandria, Preble Co., O.
David Van Horne	1	1st Church, Dayton	258	54	8	3	11	205	13	13	4	1	125	100 00	10	Dayton, O.
Oswald J. Accola	1	2d Church, Dayton	217	150	11	6	5	200	8		5	1	135	226 75	5	" "
John Kuelling	1	1st Church, Cincinnati	480	350	61	15	8	400	20	7	8	1	200	321 00	10	No. 64 15th St., Cincinnati, O.
Peter C Prugh	1	Church of the Cross, Cin'ti	57	55	6	1	2	49	10	8	1	1	175	82 85	10	Cincinnati, O.
John Heckman	1	Salem's Ref. Ch., Cincinnati	719		120	65	10	719		2	25	1	325	336 35	10	No. 501 Sycamore St., Cin'ti, O.
Wm. McCaughey	2	Greenville	61		4	8	6	60			2	1	120	79 77	1	Greenville, Darke Co., O.
Jesse Richards	3	St. Paris	175	58	10	16	8	150			14	3	15	33 00	10	St. Paris, O.
Jacob M. LeFevre	2	Fairfield	180		18	6	1	180		6		4	300		8	Fairfield, Greene Co., O.
Levi Rike (supply)	4	Farmersville	298	128	20	18	3	247		5	1	4	235	51 88	10	Farmersville, O
Hiram Shaull (supply)	2	Bloom Center	64	47	4	2	3	37	2	1	3	1	75	35 00		Sidney, Shelby Co., O.
" "	2	Sidney	68	29	4	8	3	67	6	7	4	1	60	75 00	10	" " " "
John Stuck	4	Mt. Pleasant	225	80	24	21	16	185	18	12	8	4	31	37 29	5	Hillgrove, Darke Co., O.
Vacant	4	Bradford	50	20				50							1	
Henry Hanhart	1	Covington, Ky.	198	129	12	7	9	178			3	1	100	10 00	1	Covington, Ky.
Jacob Weaver	2	Salem's	36	9	4	5		35						12 00	5	Sidney, Shelby Co., O.
Chas. W. Good	2	Germantown	104	45	14	6	10	104			2	1	130	40 00	12	Germantown, Montg'ry Co., O.
Hiram Shumaker	2	Springboro	114	77	9	6	9	105			2	2	120	76 66	5	Springboro, Warren Co., O.
Fred. W. Berleman	1	Millville	128	76	7			105	5		3	1	85	69 10	1	Hamilton, O
C. F. Wm. Stechow	2	Brown County Mission	105		30					2	4	2	120	14 00	3	Arnheim, Brown Co., O.
J. M. LeFevre (supply)	2	Bethel	100	75	20	25		100		5	2	1	80	18 00	4	Fairfield, Greene Co., O.
Thos. H. Winters	4	Union	250	52	19	12	4	230	41	16	10	4	350	70 00	25	Xenia, Greene Co., O.
Jeremiah Heller	2	Highland	90		7	1		82		2	5	1	80	18 8	10	Hillsboro, Highland Co., O.
	3	New Madison	137	49	1	4	7	110		2	2	4	200			
Adam Hawker	2	Mt. Carmel	120	40	16	13	5	100		1		2	120	5 00	10	Dayton, O.
Alvin S. Zerbe		Missionary														Cincinnati, O.
Total,	50	68	5746	2135	507	328	137	5049	122	111	135	55	4846	$2,222 34	25	

Samuel Mease, D. D., Editor *Christian World*, 178 Elm St., Cincinnati, O.
Sol. K. Donius, superanuated, Camden, Preble Co., O.
Richard B. Reichard, Licentiate, West Alexandria, O.
Christian Berentz, Grandview, O.
John Pence, Tremont, Clark Co., O.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated or Erasure of Names.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars	Benevolent Contributions.	Minutes.	Post-Office Address.
Charles W. Hoyman	4	Somerset	335	330	34	29	2	321	3	4	8	3	335	$4169 00	20	Somerset, O.
Geo. H. Leonard	2	Basil	305	125	17	5	10	282		2	4	2	310	192 00	15	Basil, O.
John Vogt	1	Delaware	229	133	13	11	11	193	1		5	1	118	146 66	10	Delaware, O.
William Gilpin	3	Union	201		12	7	8	150		12	3	3	334	117 00	8	Baltimore, O.
John C. Henneman	4	Beaver	240	210	33	3		207	6	20	12			30 00	2	Beavertown, O.
Gregory H. Meiboom	1	Ironton	131	120	9	8	7	106	4	18	5	1	72	69 66		Ironton, O.
William A. Hale	2	Lancaster	264		40	90	14	255		2		2	260	34 53	4	Lancaster, O.
Silas P. Mauger	4	Winchester	220	180	15	9	8	176		1	4	4	400	110 80	12	Canal Winchester, O.
Henry King		Without Charge														Bremen, O.
James Heffley (sup.)		N. Un. & Zwingli													2	Canal Winchester, O.
Austin Henry	2	Kinnickinnick	102				2	80			3	2	115	50 34	12	Kingston, O.
Peter D. Schory		Without Charge														Lancaster, O.
Henry Williard (sup.)		Galion														Lancaster, O.
John S. Gough	4	Tarlton	120					100							5	Stoutsville, O.
Solomon Ream		Licentiate														
Total, 14.	27		2147	1498	173	162	62	1849	14	54	44	18	1945	$4919 99	90	

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated or Erasure of Names.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Minutes.	Classis' Benef. Students.	Post-Office Address.
Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.	4	Union	224	201	25	29	7	212		5	2	2	71	$83 00	20	1	Wadsworth, O.
Nathaniel H. Loose	3	Shelby	210	130	16	15	6	195	5	6	5	3	220	75 00	10		Shelby, O.
Sebastian C. Goss	4	Wadsworth	248	95	10	19	9	240	18	22	2	4	300	111 08	20		Wadsworth, O.
Henry F. Long	4	Tuscarawas	201	137	19	15	1	201	2	2	1	4	300	196 80	20		Massillon, O.
Michael Loucks	1	Grace Ref. Akron	92	49		4	16	67			1	1	90	81 48	10		Akron, O.
Samuel Shaw	4	Reedsburg	124	66	7	2	13	106	1		5	1	70	44 60	20		Congress, O.
Vacant	2	Summit	100		9	8		100			2	2	190	70 26	6	1	Lake, O.
John R. Shepler	2	East Union	105		8	2		105			2	1	50	70 00	12		Nimisila, O.
Orange E. Lake 1)	3	Mohicanville	160	54	27	38	10	150		1	5	3	220	60 00	10		Mohicanville, O.
Caspar Scheel	4	Uniontown	216	180	22	24		180		1	8	3	200	50 00	8	1	Lake, Stark Co., O.
Vacant	2	Manchester	100	50				38				1	75	19 00			Nimisila, O.
Frederick Strassner	2	Bristol	80	100	9	5	1	75			2			28 75	4		Orrville, O.
Jesse Steiner	5	Shenandoah	173	62	16	34		173			5	4	200	53 00			Ashland, O.
Philip A Long 2)	2	Navarre	52	87	3	6	8	46			1	2	171	41 16	6		Taneytown, Md.
Edward D. Miller	2	Canaan	109	60	3			90			2	2	60	100 00	10		Canaan, O.
Edward Herbruck	2	Canton	114		1	12	20	94	1	3		2	167				Canton, O.
O. E. Lake (sup.)	2	Emanuel's	36					36			1	2	50	20 00	6		Mohicanville, O.
John C. Klar																	Navarre, O.
Jesse Hines																	Reedsburg, O.
Jeremiah M. Mickley																	McKnightstown, Pa.
Total, 17.	48		2344	1221	170	208	86	2108	27	40	44	37	2484	$1049 13	162	3	

1. Dismissed to Maryland Classis. 2. Dismissed to Maryland Classis.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated or Erasure of Names.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars	Benevolent Contributions.	Minutes.	Post-Office Address.
Jer. H. Good, D. D.		Prof. Theo. Sem'y														Tiffin, O.
Reuben Good		Prof. Heid. Col.														"
Herman Rust, D. D.		Prof. Theo. Sem'y														"
Geo. W. Williard, D.D.		Pres. Heid. Col.														"
Lewis H. Kefauver	1	1st Tiffin	283	195	16	23	10	266		8	4	1	195	$161 27	15	"
Wm. H. Fenneman	4	Berwick	135	65	17	7		135			1			9 60	10	"
John G. Ruhl	3	Findlay	196	209	11		3	126			4	1	50	47 16	10	Findlay, O.
Josiah May	3	Heidelberg	185	75	15	3	2	165		1	3	1	50	31 00	10	"
Henry Wegert	2	New Bavaria	290	150	32	23		260			5	2	140	77 75	5	New Bavaria, O.
Joseph A. Keller	3	Zion	312	191	14	8	8	217			4	3	273	209 96	20	Denver, Colorado.
Jonas Michael	2	Liberty Center	70	50	20	19	27	65	5		1	2	100		6	Liberty Center, O.
Lewis Richter	2	Fostoria	96	65											6	Fostoria, O.
Dr. Rust (sup.)	1	2d Tiffin	230	110	28	16	16	230			6	1	135	193 75	5	
Dr. Good (sup.)	1	St. Jacob's	40	30	10	10	2	88		8	4	1	85	17 00	10	
Dr. Williard (sup.)	3	Ft. Seneca	125	60	6	7		125				3	175	60 00	10	
H. Wegert (sup.)	2	Florida	68	43	6	5		39			2			6 00		
Peter Tendick		Invalid														Tiffin, O.
John H. Beck	3	Hiawatha, Kan.	38	41	8										5	Sabetha, Kansas.
Theodore J. Bacher	2	Fremont	200		23	8	5	100							10	Fremont, O.
Joshua H. Derr	1	Bellevue	140	115	8	26	3	120		4	6	1	120	32 00	15	Bellevue, O.
C. Wieser	3	Wathena, Kan.	97	132								1	63		10	Wathena, Kansas.
	2	Ada	58	94	9			38			2	1	100	16 67	5	Ada, O.
Total, 17.	38		2563	1625	223	155	76	1924	5	11	42	18	1446	$863 16	152	

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated or Erasure of Names.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Minutes.	Post-Office Address.
Peter Herbruck, D. D.	1	Canton	494	400	100	45	21	500		9	53	1	200	$183 35	10	Canton, Stark Co., O.
Christopher Schiller	1	Akron	215	215	45	27		210			19	1	130	74 00	1	Akron, Summit Co, O.
David Kæmmerer, D.D.	1	Apple Creek	50	85	8	23		50				1	50	13 68	4	Wooster, Wayne Co., O.
John G. Zahner, D. D.	2	Shanesville	130					110				2	70	32 37	4	Shanesville, Tusc. Co., O.
Ernest F. A. Schade			252	111	7	11	6	131				2	124	239 69	1	Malvern, Carroll Co., O.
Philip Becker	2	Mt. Eaton	332	263	20	17		288		3	3	1	145	84 05	1	Mt. Eaton, Wayne Co., O,
Henry K. Zink	4	Oldtown	331	280	35	11		210			12	3	150		1	Stonecreek, Tusc. Co., O.
Peter Greding	3	N. Philadelphia	249	200	39	21		247			22	3		110 15	5	New Philadelphia, O.
Geo. W. Henning	1	St. Paul's	18	27	2	1		16				1	80	10 20	5	Canton, Stark Co., O.
Frederick Schaad	3	Ragersville	500	570	60	27		445			12	3	275	111 75	3	Ragersville, Tusc. Co., O.
Jon. A. Novinger	3	New Bedford	300	200	42	12	1	300			14	2	150	75 00	6	New Bedford, Cosh. Co., O.
Amos F. Zartman	1	Wooster	165	120	14	27	11	118	1	7	6	1	140	73 30	12	Wooster, Wayne Co., O.
Herman Kortheuer	1	Massillon												65 00	1	Massillon, Stark Co., O.
John M. Grether	3	Peace-charge	202	160	26	32	5	194		1	4	3	120	84 95	10	Hartville, Stark Co., O.
	1	Orrville 1)	120													
	1	Mineral Point 2)	43													
	2	Jacob's & St. P. 3)	152													
Vacant	1	Mt. Eaton (Fr.)	200													
Total, 14.	31		3753	2631	398	254	44	2819	1	20	145	22	1534	$1147 49	64	

1. Supplied by Rev. F. Strasser. 2. Supplied by Rev. J. C. Klar. 3. Supplied by Rev. Caspar Scheel.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excommunicated or Erasure of Names.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Minutes.	Theolog. Students.	Post-Office Address.
George M. Albright	2	New Lisbon	230	90	16	15		150			3	1	75	$90 53	20	1	New Lisbon, Col. Co., O.
Henry Hilbish	2	Mt. Olivet	275	180	25	15		210		3	2	2	234	120 00	25	1	N'th Lima, Mahon'g Co., O.
John Meckley	2	Springfield	349	192	25	40	13	242		2	10	2	230	128 00	10		Petersburg, " "
John M. Kendig	1	Columbiana	152	67	11	5	2	100			3	1	160	61 68	12	1	Columbiana, Col. Co., O.
John J. Leberman	2	Louisville	308	270	15	6	27	172		2		2	270	159 90	25		Louisville, Stark Co., O.
John M. Grether 1)	2	Peace 2)	102	80	15	6	5	102		1	8	2	76	56 18	5		Hartville, " "
" " (sup.)	1	St. Bethel 3)	100	80	13	9		80			1	1	60	28 52	5		Alliance, " "
John Biery	2	Warren	127	46	15	2		75				1	30	7 50	1		Youngstown, O.
" " (sup.)	1	Youngstown	90	46	5		14	44			1	1	26	27 60			" "
Michael A. Miller	2	Carrollton	252	45	35	74	4	200		10	9	2	262	157 00	10		Carrollton, O.
Vacant	4	Jackson	170	95	5	6		125			3	3	250		20		North Jackson, O.
	1	Jefferson	114		9	4	3	74				1	62	42 00	10	1	Germano, Harrison Co., O.
	3	Georgetown 4)	240	140				223				2	146	38 11	10		N. Georgetown, St'k Co., O.
	1	Canfield 4)	260	129				251							5		Canfield, O.
Thomas Ferrel		Without Charge													1		Carrollton, O.
Charles Zwisler		Superannuated													1		Canfield, O.
Total, 10.	26		2769	1410	243	136	67	2047		18	35	21	1881	$917 02	160	4	

1. Dismissed at Annual Sessions to St. John's Classis. 2. Dismissed to St. John's Classis. 3. Returned to Georgetown Charge. 4. Last year's report. Theological Students, 5.—Under care of Classis, 2; not under care, 3. One is not a member of any of our Congregations.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated or Erasure of Names.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars	Benevolent Contributions.	Minutes.	Post-Office Address.
Harvey Wilson	5	Shelbyville	53		5	17	9	50			1	4			25	Shelbyville, Ill.
John Kercher	2	Washburn 1)	145	130				100				1	60		5	Lacon, Ill.
Solomon N. King 2)	4	Astoria	83	180	8	20	1	80	1			2	100		4	Astoria, Ill.
Andrew Schröder	1	Freeport Mission	60	65	6	8		50		8	1	1	70	$2 00	1	Freeport, Ill.
John A. Smith	4	Anna	85	55	28	10		75			4	2		85 00	3	Anna, Ill.
Henry H. Sandoe 3)	3	Mt. Zion	113	87	11	5	3	88			3	2	113	11 00	8	Stonington, Ill.
Daniel Lantz 3)	3	Foreston 1)	155	140	12		2	125		1	2				7	Foreston, Ill.
Isaac A. Sites	4	Rock Grove	52	40	3		1	50	10			3	85	80 00	5	Dakota, Ill.
Simon P. Myers	3	Center	82				1	82		1		3	175	19 00	6	Shelbyville, Ill.
Daniel K. Fulcason	2	Sycamore	50	49	27	14	24	50				1	70	7 00	20	Windsor, Ill.
Lewis M. Kerschner	4	Altamont	74	43	7	3	5			2		3	95	16 00	20	Altamont, Ill.
Chas. G. A. Hullhorst	4	Orangeville 1)	80	55				80				3	80		6	Orangeville, Ill.
Philip H. Kroh 4)		Without Charge														Anna, Ill.
Joseph Seehler		" "														Lena, Ill.
Henry Aurand		" "														Warren, Ill.
Total, 15.	40		982	844	107	72	46	680	11	12	11	25	848	$171 00	110	

1. Last year's report. 2. Dismissed to Presbyterian Church. 3 Members of St. Joseph Classis at time of report. 4. Deposed from ministry.

ENGLISH IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated or Erasure of Names.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Minutes.	Post-Office Address.
Fred. C. Bauman	2	Harmony	178	200	31	6	8	160		9	1	2	100	$240 00	5	Zwingli, Dubuque Co., Ia.
Joshua Riale	2	Blairstown	43	40	4		9	40		1		1	50	250 00	3	Blairstown, Benton Co., Ia.
Dewald S. Fouse	4	Boulder	106	65	8	4	14	102		11	2	1	60	254 50	2	Lisbon, Linn Co, Ia.
Jonas B. Shontz	3	Tipton	136	100	10	7	12	107	5	1		3	8.	287 06	5	Wilton, Musc. Co., Ia.
Cyrus Cort	3	Brandon	103	80	5	11	7	94			1			62 84	3	Vinton, Benton Co., Ia.
Jacob B. Welty	2	Maquoketa	58	42	1			50			1		20	19 50	3	Maquoketa, Ia.
George Weber	1	Powshiek	12		2	2	10	12							2	Blairstown, Ia.
Jacob Kuhn																Duck Creek, Ia.
Total, 8.	17		636	527	61	30	60	565	5	22	5	7	310	$1113 90	23	

GERMAN IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated or Erasure of Names.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Minutes.	Post-Office Address.
John H. Buser	3	Clifton	250	80	25	2	20	240	3	10	1	1			10	Clifton, Louisa Co., Ia.
John E. Young																" " "
John Rettig	2	Wheatland	159	145	35		8	104			6	2	180	$24 00	1	Wheatland, Clinton Co., Ia
George Rettig	2	Monticello	70	40	17	4		70	1		13	1	35	20 18	8	Monticello, Jones Co., Ia.
Vacant	1	St. Paul	40	26	11			25	4		1				1	Boone, Boone Co., Ia.
Vacant	2	Marengo	25	18	8			20				1	15	5 00	1	Marengo, Iowa Co., Ia.
Solomon Ellicker	1	Bethania	67	62	7		14	58				1	25	147 84	2	Newton, Jasper Co., Ia.
Total, 5.	11		611	371	98	6	42	517	8	10	21	6	205	$197 02	18	

ST. JOSEPH'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated or Erasure of Names.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.	Minutes.	Post-Office Address.
Henry Bair	4	Union	175	155	22	14	2	161	2	1	3	2	165	$25 00	5	Waterloo, Ind.
Samuel Z. Beam	1	Wakeshma	96	45	8	5	8	88			2	1	60	80 00	10	Fulton, Mich.
Peter J. Spangler	4	Marshall	189	132	14	5	1	150		3	4	3	140	29 00	15	Plymouth, Ind.
John R. Skinner	4	Winamac	136	95	4	2	9	95		1	2	2	140	29 42	5	Winamac, Ind.
Jacob Burkholder	4	Millersburg	130	100	4			130				1	100		5	Fairfield Center, Ind.
Daniel Kroh	1	Neriah	25	26				20			3	1	25		1	Erie, Mich.
Andrew Butt	3	Bunker Hill	89	2	10	16		89			2				3	Pioneer, Williams Co., O.
Edwin R. Williard	3	White Pigeon	70	70	8	12	4	67		3	4	3			5	White Pigeon, Mich.
Wm. G. Hackman	2	Colon	106	126	14	13		24			6	1	70	11 40	5	Burr Oak, Mich.
John D. Gehring	2	Bristol	75	35	10	10		51			1	1	95	2 65	6	Bristol, Ind.
John Naille	4	Emanuel's	159		16	6	3	147			8	1	90	10 00	5	Bluffton, Ind.
Jesse Schlosser	2	Three Rivers	101	81	19		25	101			6	1	90	18 00	5	Three Rivers, Mich.
John A. Nicolai	3	St. John's	181	49	9			132			3	1	86	15 00	5	Goshen, Ind.
David H. Reiter		Without Charge														Berrien Springs, Mich.
Elias Spangler		" "														Edgerton, Williams Co., O.
Frederick Hullhorst*																Columbus, Platte Co., Neb.
Total, 16.	67		1532	916	188	88	52	1236	2	8	44	18	1059	$165 97	75	

* Dismissed to the proposed Nebraska Classis.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

THE OHIO SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excom'nications, or Erasure of Names.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions.	Minutes.	Students for the Ministry.
Miami	30	68	5746	2135	507	328	132	5049	122	111	135	55	4846	$2,222 34	252	
Lancaster	14	27	2147	1008	173	162	62	1849	14	54	44	18	1945	4,910 90	90	
Tuscarawas	17	48	2344	1221	170	208	86	2108	27	40	44	37	2434	1,049 13	162	4
Tiffin	17	38	2563	1625	223	155	76	1924	5	11	42	18	1446	863 16	152	
St. John's	14	31	3753	2631	398	254	44	2819	1	20	145	2[illegible]	1214	1,147 49	64	
Eastern Ohio	10	26	2769	1410	243	136	67	2047		18	35	21	1881	917 02	160	4
Illinois	13	35	982	844	107	72	46	680	11	12	11	2[illegible]	848	171 00	110	
English Iowa	8	17	636	527	61	30	60	565	5	22	5	7	310	1,113 90	23	
German Iowa	5	11	611	371	98	6	42	517	8	10	21	6	205	197 02	18	
St. Joseph	10	37	1532	916	138	83	52	1236	2	8	44	18	1059	165 97	75	
Ohio Synod ..... 10 Classes	144	338	23083	12778	2118	1434	667	18794	195	306	526	227	16188	$12,767 02	1106	8
N.W. " ..... 7 "	100	173	12523	10846	1433	781	797	10503	51	170	420	130	6735	8,466 45		
Synod in U. S. ..... 10 "	195	427	64129	32014	6900	3864	1414	51031	1	1138	3018	459	27084	41,101 67		33
Pittsburg Synod ..... 6 "	61	134	10276	8036	1044	583	267	8613	11	137	380	104	5840	11,157 89		
Potomac " ..... 5 "	94	248	25587	16744	1984	1123	411	21887	14	269	859	214	13210	12,724 92		24
Total: 5 Synods; 38 Classes.	600	1320	185000	82218	13479	7785	3556	110828	272	2020	5203	1134	69057	$86,217 95		65

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, which convened in the Reformed Church at Miamisburg, Montgomery County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the twenty-first of April, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and closed its sessions on the following Monday afternoon, at four o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened at the time and place appointed, and, having been constituted with singing, and prayer by the President, proceeded to perfect its organization by the enrollment of its members, the election of the officers and the appointment of the standing committees. The synodical sermon, according to official arrangement, was preached on Thursday evening by the President, Rev. David Winters, D. D., from 2 Timothy 2 : 15, 1: "*Study to show thyself approved unto God.*" "*Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Miami.	Oswald J. Accola.	James Swander.
	Peter C. Prugh.	Lewis A. Kemp.
	Samuel B. Yockey.	Elias Harter.
	Henry M. Herman.	Lewis Mease.
	Thomas H. Winters.	Robert Miller.
Lancaster.	Henry Williard.	
	Charles W. Hoyman.	
	Austin Henry.	
Tuscarawas.	Michael Loucks.	
	Henry F. Long.	

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Tiffin.	Geo. W. Williard, D.D. Lewis H. Kefauver.	Lewis Keller.
St. John's.	Henry Hilbish.	
Eastern Ohio.	George M. Albright. Edward H. Otting.	
Illinois.	Isaac A. Sites.	
Shelby.	Henry H. Sandoe.	Phares Scheib.
Iowa.	No delegates present.	
Ursinus.	No delegates present.	
St. Joseph.	Edwin R. Williard. John R. Skinner. Jacob Burkholder.	
Cincinnati.	John Heckman.	H. Wuenker.
Kansas.	Joseph A. Keller.	

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Miami Classis.—Revs. David Winters, D. D., Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., David Van Horne, William McCaughey, Richard B. Reichard, Hiram Shumaker, Charles W. Good, George Z. Mechling, Samuel Mease, D. D., and Levi Rike.

Lancaster Classis.—Elder Henry Leonard.

Shelby Classis.—Rev. Lewis M. Kerschner.

Cincinnati Classis.—Revs. Fred. W. Berleman, Bernard R. Huecker, and Elder John W. Keller.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Mighill Dustin,	Methodist E. Church.
" Samuel Scott,	" " "
" Thomas D. W. Peak,	" " "
" Jonathan C. Beade,	United Brethren "
" Christian Albrecht,	Evan. Lutheran "

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, *President*, West Alexandria, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., is *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, *Corresponding Secretary*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order adopted by Synod, the reading of which having been dispensed with, were observed in the transaction of business.

The Synod defined the bar of the house to be the first *seven* pews in front of the pulpit.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of Synod:

The Morning Sessions to open at 9, and close at 11½ o'clock.
The Afternoon Sessions to open at 2, and close at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

On Religious Services.—Revs. William McCaughey, Thomas H. Winters, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., and Elders Lewis Keller and James Swander.

On Minutes of Synod.—Revs. Peter C. Prugh, Thomas H. Winters, Austin Henry, and Elders James Swander and Elias Harter.

On Minutes of Classes.—Revs. Austin Henry, Samuel B. Yockey, Charles W. Hoyman, Oswald J. Accola, and Elders Lewis Keller and James Swander.

On Overtures.—Revs. Oswald J. Accola, George W. Williard, D. D., Geo. M. Albright, and Elders Elias Harter and Lewis A. Kemp.

On Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. Henry Williard, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Geo. M. Albright, and Elders Lewis Keller and James Swander.

On the State of Religion.—Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, Edward H. Otting, Henry Hilbish, Henry F. Long, and Elders Elias Harter and Lewis A. Kemp.

On Theological Seminary.—Revs. Geo. M. Albright, Henry Hilbish, Charles W. Hoyman, and Elders Lewis Keller and Lewis A. Kemp.

On Heidelberg College.—Revs. Edwin R. Williard, Isaac A. Sites, Edward H. Otting, and Elders Lewis Mease and Phares Scheib.

On Missions—Revs. Samuel B. Yockey, Charles W. Hoyman, Henry Hilbish, Oswald J. Accola, John Heckman, Joseph A. Keller, and Elders Elias Harter and Lewis Keller.

On Finance.—Revs. Henry Hilbish, Henry F. Long, Isaac A. Sites, and Elders Lewis Mease and Lewis A. Kemp.

On Nominations.—Revs. Henry F. Long, Austin Henry, Lewis H. Kefauver, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., and Elders Elias Harter and Phares Scheib.

On Publication.—Revs. Henry H. Sandoe, Thomas H. Winters, Peter C. Prugh, Edwin R. Williard, and Elders Lewis Keller and Lewis A. Kemp.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, St. John's, Eastern Ohio, Shelby, Iowa, Ursinus, St. Joseph, Cincinnati, and Kansas, were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the Committee on those subjects.

2. The Reports of the Board of Trustees, and of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, together with that of the Treasurer, and that of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

3. The Report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, and that of the Agent, were received and referred to the Committee on Heidelberg College.

4. The Report of the Board of Home Missions, together with that of its Treasurer, was received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

5. The Report of the Board of Church Erection, and that of its Treasurer, were received and referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

6. The Report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

7. The Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

8. Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services:

1. The sessions throughout were opened and closed with suitable religious services.

2. The Committee on Religious Services presented their report, which was received, amended and adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Religious Services beg leave to offer the following report, viz:

I. Reformed Church in Miamisburg.

Thursday evening, Revs. D. Winters, D. D.; Friday evening, E. R. Williard; Saturday afternoon, Jos. A. Keller; Saturday evening, Austin Henry; Sunday morning, communion sermon, S. B. Yockey; to conduct the communion services, Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. D., and H. M. Herman; Sunday, 2½ P. M., addresses to Sunday School, Revs. H. M. Herman, P. C. Prugh, and J. R. Skinner; Sunday evening, installation sermon, Rev. P. C. Prugh.

II. Other Churches.

M. E. Church.—Rev. P. C. Prugh, Rev. J. R. Skinner.

David's Church.—Rev. M. Loucks, morning.

Zion's Church.—Rev. Thos. H. Winters, afternoon.

First Reformed Church, Dayton.—Rev. E. R. Williard.

Reformed Church, Germantown.—Friday evening, Rev. C. W. Hoyman; Saturday and Sunday, Rev. George W. Williard, D. D.

Second Reformed Church, Dayton.—Rev. Jos. A. Keller.

Evan. Lutheran Church, Miamisburg.—Rev. E. H. Otting.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. McCAUGHEY, *Chairman.*

The religious services, as appointed by the committee, were severally observed.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.*

The reading of the Synodical Minutes of the last annual meeting, two copies of which in printed form were received through the Stated Clerk, was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod would report that they have examined the minutes, and find the following items claiming the attention of this Synod:

*The attention of the Synod is here directed to the fact that final action was to be taken by this Synod on the proposed "Forms of a Constitution of a Congregation and of a Joint Consistory," as embodied in the Minutes of 1874, pages 49 and 50. This item it seems, by some oversight, was not reported.—[STATED CLERK.

Item 1. Page 10. Is the continuation of a Committee on Hymn Book.

Item 2. Page 10. Is the Continuation of a Committee to Draft a New Constitution of the Church.

Item 3. Page 16. Is the continuation of a Committee on Union between the Reformed Church in the United States and the Reformed Church in America.

Item 4. Page 75. The Board of Church Erection is instructed to submit to Synod a Constitution and By-Laws for the government of the Board.

Item 5. Page 56. The modification of the title of the Synod in the Synodical Seal.

Item 6. On pages designated, several duties are required of the Stated Clerk, as follows:

a) Page 56. To procure Certificates of Licensure and Ordination.

b) Page 71. To embody certain addresses in the printed Minutes, and have 1,000 copies thereof published in pamphlet form.

c) Page 72. To publish certain essays in the *Christian World.*

d) Page 69. To have 1,400 copies of the Minutes of Synod printed.

Item 7. Page 67. Is the appoinsment of a Committee on Founding a Printing Establishment.

Item 8. Page 68. The Classes are instructed to take measures to circulate the German and English Liturgies.

Item 9. Page 69. The pecuniary responsibility of the printing and sale of the German Liturgy was left to the Buch-Austalt at Cleveland.

Item 10. Page 72. Is the appointment of a Committee to whom were to be referred all papers and reports of congregations and charges having reference to the semi-centennial movement.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows: Item 1, no report, and committee continued with instructions to prosecute the work and report to next Synod; in item 2, committee reported progress, and was continued; for report in item 3, see Art. XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; for results reached in item 4, see Art. XVI., Missions; for action on item 5, see Art. XXI., Church Government; for disposition of items 6, *a*, *b*, *c* and *d*, 7, 8 and 9, see Art. XXIII., Publication; and for report in item 10, see Art. XXIV., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole; and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Minutes of Classes, would respectfully submit the following report:

I. Receptions and Dismissions.

1. Miami Classis dismissed Revs. J. Kuelling, O. J. Accola, F. W. Berleman, J. Heckman, B. R. Huecker, with their respective charges, together with the Arnheim charge, for the purpose of organizing a German Classis, designating the 8th of March, at 2 P. M., as the time, and the second Reformed Church of Dayton as the place of meeting, for effecting the organization; and appointed Rev. J. Kuelling to preach the opening sermon, and preside at the organization; dismissed Rev. A. S. Zerbe to Philadelphia Classis; received B. R. Huecker from Minnesota Classis, and ordained R. B. Reichard.

2. Lancaster Classis dismissed Rev. J. S. Gough to the Methodist Church.

3. Tiffin Classis licensed and ordained J. T. Hale; received the Licentiate S. Ream from the Lancaster Classis, and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry; received Rev. C. A. Von Domenden from the Evangelical Church; dismissed Rev. J. G. Ruhl to Heidelberg Classis, L. Richter to Zion's Classis, North-western Synod, and Rev. H. Wegert to Erie Classis.

4. Tuscarawas Classis dismissed Rev. C. Scheel to St. Joseph's Classis, Rev. E. D. Miller to Lebanon Classis, Synod U. S.; licensed and ordained J. S. Sponseller; received G. H. Albright from Eastern Ohio Classis, and licensed and ordained him.

5. English Iowa Classis received the Licentiate D. P. Lefever from Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod, and ordained him.

6. Eastern Ohio Classis dismissed G. H. Albright to Tuscarawas Classis; received Rev. W. H. Wittenwieler from Indiana Classis, North-western Synod; dismissed Rev. J. Biery to St. John's Classis.

7. St. Joseph's Classis dismissed Rev. J. A. Nicolai for the purpose of organizing the Classis of Kansas.

8. Ursinus Classis received Wm. Feige from Sheboygan Classis.

9. Cincinnati Classis received Rev. G. J. Reiche from Indiana Classis.

10. St. John's Classis received Rev. H. Hilbish from Eastern Ohio Classis, also Rev. J. B. Muraire, formerly Missionary in.

South France: examined and licensed Mr. Griere; and dismissed Rev. A. F. Zartman to Tiffin Classis.

II. Requests and Recommendations.

11. *a*) English Iowa Classis reiterates a former request to this Synod, and asks that Synod pay one-third of the traveling expenses of its delegates, when the meeting is east of Illinois; *b*) renews its request for the formation of a new Synod west of the State of Ohio; *c*) requests Synod to permit it to drop the word "English" from its title; *d*) requests Synod to correct its action of last year concerning the licensing of candidates for the Ministry; *e*) also requests Synod to see that the Professors of Seminary be prevented henceforth from granting regular dismissions to theological students who have not passed through the prescribed course of study.

12. *a*) Ursinus Classis declines to take active part in raising funds for the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, for lack of means; *b*) requests Synod to keep the efficient agent, H. Leonard, at work until the endowment of the Seminary is completed; *c*) requests Synod to regard the German speaking portion of the Church in respect to publishing minutes, or abstracts at least, in the German language; *d*) requests Synod again to be dismissed to North-western Synod without further postponement.

13. Kansas Classis asks the indulgence of Synod with reference *a*) to irregularities in the formation of the new Classis; *b*) earnestly solicits the sympathy and aid of Synod on behalf of the Denver Mission; *c*) calls the attention of Synod to the Mission of Brown County, Kansas, and asks the assistance of the Board of Missions.

14. Miami Classis renews its request to Synod to create a Sunday School Board.

15. St. John's Classis, *a*) in regard to forming a German District Synod with adjoining German Classes, holds to its former plan, and intends to agitate the subject until it is accomplished; *b*) it renews its request to Synod to be dismissed to the Synod of the North-west.

16. St. Joseph's Classis, in regard to Synod's action requesing the Classes to refuse applicants for licensure, unless a dismissal from the Seminary be accompanied with the application of the candidate, adopts that action, provided it also refers to all the Theological Seminaries of the Church.

17. St. Joseph's Classis, respecting Synod's request to Classis to have two additional columns in the statistical table, refers the same back to Synod for explanation.

III. Irregularities.

18. Miami Classis referred candidates for examination and licensure to the Committee on Missions; and presented its minute book instead of a certified copy of its minutes.

19. Lancaster Classis fails to record the reception of Rev. C. F. W. Stechow from Miami Classis; dismissed G. H. Meiboom to Indiana Classis.

20. Eastern Ohio Classis fails to present a certified copy of its minutes, but its minute book instead.

21. Ursinus Classis failed to fix the date of its next annual meeting at its last annual sessions. It held a special meeting at Wheatland, Iowa, September 22, and fixed the 23d as the time for the annual meeting to be held in the same place.

22. Shelby Classis failed to present its minutes under proper heads.

IV. Subjects Referred to Classes.

23. All the Classes, so far as heard from, have taken action on subjects referred to them in a general way.

V. Appeals and Complaints.

24. St. John's Classis appeals to the General Synod against the action of the Ohio Synod, in the matter of the Louisville congregation.

25. Same Classis complains against the omission of the action of the Synod in its printed minutes, in reference to the Salem congregation; and appointed Rev. P. Greding and Dr. J. G. Zahner to defend Classis on the floor of General Synod.

26. Same Classis protests against the action of the Ohio Synod at Wooster, in reference to the difficulties existing between St. John's Classis and Eastern Ohio Classis.

VI. Annual Meetings of Classes.

27. Miami Classis will meet in annual session at St. Paris, Ohio, October 14, 1875, at 7½ P. M. Rev. H. Shaull, President; Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk; A. H. Baughman, Treasurer.

28. Lancaster Classis will meet in annual session at Sugar Grove, Ohio, October 13, 1875, at 7½ P. M. Rev. Jas. Heffly, President; Rev. G. H. Leonard, Stated Clerk; Rev. H. Williard, Treasurer.

29. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in annual session at Canton, Ohio, October 14, 1875, at 7 P. M. Rev. Jesse Steiner, President; Rev. N. H. Loose, Stated Clerk; Thomas W. Chapman, Treasurer.

30. Tiffin Classis will meet in annual session in Salem Church, Fremont Charge, next to the last Thursday in August, 1875, at 7 P. M. Rev. R. Good, President; Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

31. St. John's Classis will meet in annual session in the Randolph Congregation, on the last Friday of September, 1875, at 7 P. M. Rev. H. Kortheuer, President; Rev. J. G. Zahner, D. D., Stated Clerk; Elder D. Zimmerman, Treasurer.

32. Eastern Ohio Classis will convene in annual session at Canfield, Ohio, Wednesday evening before full moon, September, 1875, at 7½ P. M. Rev. J. J. Leberman, President; Rev. J. M. Kendig, Stated Clerk; Jacob Greenameier, Treasurer.

33. Illinois Classis. No report.

34. Shelby Classis will meet in annual session in Anna, Illinois, October 14, 1875, at 7 P. M. Rev. H. Wilson, President; Rev. S. P. Myers, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

35. Iowa Classis will meet in annual session at Maquoketa, Iowa, the first Wednesday in October, at 7½ P. M. Rev. J. B. Shontz, President; Rev. D. S. Fouse, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

36. Ursinus Classis will meet in annual session. (Time and place not fixed.) Rev. Wm. Feige, President; Rev. S. Elliker, Stated Clerk; Elder H. Keye, Treasurer.

37. St. Joseph's Classis will meet in annual session at Twin Lake, Marshall Co., Indiana, October 12, 1875, at 7½ P. M. Rev. J. Naille, President; Rev. E. R. Williard, Stated Clerk; J. C. St. Clair, Treasurer.

38. Cincinnati Classis will convene in annual session in the Salem Reformed Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 14, 1875, at 7½ P. M. Rev. J. Kuelling, President; Rev. O. J. Accola, Stated Clerk; C. Sandau, Treasurer.

39. Kansas Classis will meet in annual session in Sabetha, Kansas, Nov. 11, 1875, at 7 P. M. Rev. J A. Nicolai, President; Rev. J. A. Keller, Stated Clerk; Fred. Isely, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN HENRY, *Chairman.*

Action on the foregoing report: Item 1 adopted, and for action on, see Art. XXI, Church Government; items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. 10, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26 to 39, adopted; item 11 (*a*) laid on the table; for action on *b* and *c*, see Art. XXI., Church Government; and on *d* and *e*, see Art. XIV., Theological Seminary; item 12, *a*, *b* and *c* adopted, and in *c* Rev. O. J. Accola instructed to report Synod's proceedings for the *Evangelist*, and for disposition of *d*, see Art. XXI., Church Government; item 13, *a*, *b* and *c* adopted, and *c* referred to the Board of Home Missions; item 14, for action on, see Art. XVII., Sunday Schools; item 15, *a* and *b*, for action on, see Art. XXI.,

Church Government; item 17 adopted, and the Stated Clerk instructed to give the desired information; items 24 and 25, for action on, see Art. XIX., Appeals and References.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was received and disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

The Commitee on Overtures would respectfully submit the following report:

Item 1. Is an official notice, over the signature of Rev. Oswald J. Accola, Stated Clerk, stating that certain ministers, according to the instructions and authority of Miami Classis, had organized themselves on the 8th of last March into a Classis, under the name of Cincinnati Classis, and requesting this Synod to recognize the organization and sanction its proceedings, and admit its delegates to seats.

Item 2. Is a letter from Rev. Joseph A. Keller, Stated Clerk, notifying this Synod that the ministers in the States of Kansas, Missouri and Colorado had organized themselves into a Classis, according to the action and authority of the last Synod, under the name of the Classis of Kansas, and requests this Synod to recognize the organization, and admit its delegates to seats.

Respectfully submitted,

OSWALD J. ACCOLA, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows: For action on items 1 and 2 in the foregoing report, see Art. XXI., Church Government.

ARTICLE XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

The only item claiming the attention of Synod, was the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed by the Ohio Synod, on the subject of Union between the Reformed Churches, to act in the matter with similar committees of the other District Synods, would respectfully report:

That the General Committee on Union, authorized by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States at

Cincinnati, in 1872, and composed of three members from each of the five District Synods, convened in Race street Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa., November 17, 1874, and organized; that, in the same church, on the 18th and 19th, it held a joint meeting with the Committee of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America; and that the three members of the Ohio Synod were present and took part in the proceedings. This joint meeting was, in many respects, pleasant and profitable, but no definite conclusions in regard to union were reached. For a detailed report, the Ohio Synod is referred to the Minutes of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States for 1875.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee beg leave respectfully to report, that no applications for examination and licensure have been made.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—It behooves us to give thanks to Almighty God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, for the privilege of again meeting together as a Synod. At this annual gathering we grasp the hand of friendship, and renew its former feelings, and strengthen its bonds. Here, in a free way, we consult as to the best interests of our beloved Zion, and legislate for her welfare. And when the time of our departure comes, we

separate for our fields of labor reluctantly, and can be reconciled to this only by the thought that—

> "We shall still be joined *in heart*,
> And hope to meet again."

In looking over the reports of the different Classes on the state of religion within their respective bounds, it is at once evident that the Lord is with His ministering servants, encouraging them, by his continual presence, in the duties of their responsible office. In His providence, with but few exceptions, He has vouchsafed to them the blessing of health, which has enabled them to prosecute their labors with but little interruption. We have on the records before us but one death, in the person of the Rev. Charles Zwisler, of the Eastern Ohio Classis. This aged father was one of the pioneer ministers of our church in the west, and according to the testimony of his classis, "rendered himself dear and honorable to all who became acquainted with him." And although the St. Joseph Classis records the fact "that their number has not been lessened by death," we are pained to record here that since its last annual meeting one of its members, the Rev. Jesse Schlosser, has been stricken down by the relentless hand of death. This is the voice of God warning us to be ready, not knowing when the Son of Man will come to call us to give an account of our stewardship.

There is manifest evidence in the reports placed in our hands that, as a church, we are making commendable progress. If we can take them as criteria by which to judge our internal condition and growth, we have abundant reason for rejoicing. While there are complaints coming from the different Classes, they are not of a serious nature, and the mention of them only proves that their causes are most likely to be removed, as those who have the oversight of God's heritage are not ignorant of them.

The encouraging state of religion within our bounds, according to the report of every Classis, is the result of a faithful administration of the Divinely-appointed means and adherence to the time-honored customs of our Reformed Church. And as long as her ministers adhere to these faithfully, the encouraging reports we have now, will continue to come up to this Synod, to cheer the hearts of its members, at its annual convocations.

Special attention is given to the religious instruction of the youth of the church. And it is generally admitted that this is the result mainly of our Sunday-school literature which circulates in the church. By its aid, many have been made efficient workers in our Sunday schools, who would otherwise have remained indifferent to the interests of this important branch of church activity.

The erection of quite a number of new churches and parsonages, repairing and beautifying old ones, forming new congregations and pastoral charges, is a hopeful sign of progress.

Let us feel, dear brethren, that our labors have not been in vain. And with the degree of success that has attended them, let us also feel encouraged to labor with renewed zeal, having the blessed promise of the Master, "And lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS. H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

(*For Statistical Reports, see Appendix.*)

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. The Annual Reports.

The following reports were received and adopted:

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, would present to Synod the annual report, viz:

1. The Board met at Dayton July 21st, 1875, and organized under the new charter, by electing Rev. D. Winters, D. D., President; Rev. D. VanHorne, Secretary; and Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer. The Board held three meetings during the year.

2. The Board would still desire an increase of the endowment fund, so as to enable it to increase the Professors' salaries, without which the increase of salaries would be inadvisable.

3. The Board would call the attention of Synod to the last year's report, on the subject of increasing the number of students for the Gospel Ministry in the Seminary, and urge the co-operation of the whole church.

4. It is with regret that the Board informs the Synod that we failed to realize the amount of the $4,000 note given by Rev. A. Helffenstein to the Seminary. After having litigated the claim in the Orphan and Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the case was decided against us. We desire however, in this matter, to express our thanks to E. B. Chain, Esq, of Norristown, Pa., for his efficient, gratuitous, professional services in both instances.

5 As to the financial condition of the seminary, we refer the Synod to the Treasurer's report.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WINTERS, *President.*

2. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church.* DR.

1874.		Moneys received during the Synodical year, namely:	
Aug.	7	Mrs. Catharine Fauver, interest on note	$ 3 00
	28	Abel Peterson, interest on note	3 00
	31	Rev. Dr. D. Winters, semi-centennial offering. Mt. Zion charge	25 00
		H. Smith, J. Swope, J. B. Meyers, G. Bair, and A. Bricker, each $1.50, interest, Astoria, Ill	7 50
Sept.	14	L. H. Diehl $6, E. Spangler $3, I. Brillhart, J. Horner, D. Horner, and L. Parr, each $1.50, interest, Summum, Ill	15 00
Oct.	15	Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, semi-centennial offering, Miamisburg charge	5 00
	19	J. Rust, interest, Dialton, O., per Rev. T. H. Winters	10 00
	22	N. L. Brewer, Esq., interest, Tiffin, Ohio	200 00
Nov.	2	Dayton City Bonds, interest	360 00
		Montgomery County Bond, interest	17 50
	5	Samuel Hetrick, interest, Ada, O	3 00
		Rev. Dr. H. Rust, sale of two stoves, S. H	10 00
Dec.	24	J. T. Blain, on claim per H. Leonard	10 00
1875.			
Jan.	22	Miss S. A. Hivling, interest, Xenia, O	12 00
	27	Rev. N. H. Loose, for Bowman, Strock & Briner, interest	7 50
	29	Rev. Dr. D. Winters, interest on bond and note	28 65
		" " " interest, for Mrs. M. A. Winters	48 00
		" " " interest, for D. W. Winters & Brother	52 00
		Rev. Dr. D. Winters, interest, for Reber, Willier & Paul, Ill	15 00
Feb.	1	Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, interest on notes	24 00
		Rev. Dr. H. Rust, interest on notes	40 00
	13	J. J. Null, interest, Springboro, O	1 40
	23	Jacob Donat, interest, Massillon, O	5 95
	27	Rev. Dr. D. Winters, interest, Dayton, O	16 28
March	1	Mast & Albert, interest, Bluffton, Ind	3 90
		Rev. W. B. Sandoe, semi-centennial col. Zion's Church	3 38
	4	C. Paul $3, and C. Glass $12, interest, Foreston, Ill	15 00
	8	C. Sandau, interest, Cincinnati, O	12 00
		G. G. Prugh, interest on bond, Dayton, O	6 00
		Montgomery County Bond, interest	17 50
	15	Jos. Slough, interest, Delaware, O., per H. L	12 00
April	2	Benj. Kuhns, interest, Dayton, O	12 00
		Dayton City Bonds, interest	80 00
	16	J. V. Prugh, interest, Dayton, O	3 00
		J. J. Schaeublin, interest, Bluffton, O	6 00
	21	Rev. Dr. D. Winters, interest, Dayton, O	24 00
		Mrs. M. A. Winters, interest, " "	48 00
		D. W. Winters & Bro., interest " "	26 00
	22	Rev. H. Williard, interest, Lancaster O	6 00
		G. Miller, J. H. Reichel, and J. Siegfried, each $1.50, Springboro, O	4 50
	24	Levi W. Mease, interest, Miamisburg, O	6 00
		Carried forward.	$1205 06

Brought forward.

			DR.
			$1205 06
April	24	G. F. Medlar & J. Gephart, interest, Miamisburg, O.	3 00
May	1	N. L. Brewer, Esq., interest, Tiffin, Ohio	200 00
		Dayton City Bonds, interest	280 00
		Dr. J. H. Good, interest, Tiffin, O	16 00
			$1.704 06

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Moneys paid out from August 7, 1874, to May 1, 1875, viz:		
	Blank book for Treasurer of Board	$ 2 00
	Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, salary in full to May 1	719 89
	Rev. Dr. H. Rust, " " " "	725 00
	Charges on funds received	55
	Dr. Good, for catalogue for college and seminary	10 00
	For stationery, postage, &c	7 00
	By balance in the treasury	239 62
		$1.704 06

ENDOWMENT FUND.

			DR.
1874.			
Aug.	7	Received from Rev. Dr. D. Winters, former Treasurer	$ 50 16
1875.			
Jan.	22	Cash from Miss Sarah A. Hivling, Xenia, O	100 00
Feb.	13	Jon. J. Null, note in full	25 00
	23	Jacob Donat, note in full	50 00
	27	Rev. Dr. David Winters, two notes in full	463 21
March	1	Montgomery County Bond, in full	500 00
April	22	George Miller, note in full	25 00
			$1.213 37

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1875.			
March	1	In Montgomery County Bond, for five years	$ 500 00
May	1	Balance in treasury	713 37
			$1.213 37

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

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3. *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

This Board attended to the regular routine of business which properly belongs to it. Ten students were admitted into the Seminary during the last year, and three regularly dismissed from it, for the purpose of entering the ranks of the ministry. The following named persons are now connected with this institution: Messrs. Lewis Grosenbaugh and Charles M. Schaaf, of the middle class; and Amos Casselman, C. C. Creeger, Charles F. Kriete, Emil P. Herbruck, Scott F. Hershey, D. J. Greenawald, W. J. Peters, G. W. H. Smith, A. K. Zartman, and J. F.

Ziegler, of the junior class. Two of these expect soon to enter upon the duties of the ministry. The progress made by the students in their studies is reported by the Professors as being commendable.

This Board has also under its care, eighteen *beneficiary* students, viz: Charles M. Schaaf, Amos Casselman, Charles F. Kriete, A. K. Zartman, J. F. Ziegler, Milton Frank, Jerome B. Henry, John S. Stoner, Frederick J. Sourbier, Edward D. Wettach, Frank C. Withoff, Alpheus E. Baichley, Jacob Ihle, David Scheibenberger, R. F. Oplinger, O. Phares, J. H. Albright, J. D. Mease. Five of these have been supported by the American Education Society. These all are receiving an annual appropriation of one hundred dollars each. These appropriations have been paid up to the close of the winter term, with but one exception. In order to meet them, the Treasurer had to advance ninety-six dollars and ninety-six cents, leaving an indebtedness of that amount. This deficiency, in connection with what will be required to pay the beneficiary students at the close of the present College term, will amount to five hundred and forty-six dollars and ninety-six cents. If greater efforts are not made, than have been, to meet the financial demands of this cause, a considerable indebtedness will rest on the Board at the close of the year. We would, therefore, recommend increased activity in this direction, in order to save the Board from embarrassment in meeting its obligations.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *President.*

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4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

R. Good, *in account with Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church.*

1874.			Dr.	
June	12	To amount in the treasury	$ 49	54
		Rev. P. Herbruck, D. D., Canton semi-centennial	8	25
Aug.	16	" D. Winters, D. D., Mt. Zion charge semi-centen.	50	00
	27	" W. B. Sandoe, Zion's charge	2	00
Sept.	4	" A. Henry, Kinnickinnick charge	9	50
	14	T. W. Chapman, Treasurer, Tuscarawas Classis	37	70
		Rev. J. H. Stepler, Bloomville, O	4	35
Oct.	1	Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil, O	25	00
	14	" E. R. Williard, White Pigeon, Mich	2	80
	17	" I. H. Reiter, D. D., Miamisburg	20	00
	19	" J. Richards, St. Paris	15	00
	29	" G. W. Williard, D. D., Glade Church	4	75
Nov.	1	T. W. Chapman, Treasurer, Tuscarawas Classis	150	00
	3	Rev. J. J. Leberman, Louisville charge	12	75
	10	" I. A. Sites, Rock Grove charge semi-centennial	28	10
		" G. W. Williard, D. D., Fort Seneca	23	00
		Carried forward	$ 442	74

1874		*Brought forward*	$ 442 74
		" J. J. Leberman, S. S., Louisville	10 00
Nov.	12	" D. Van Horne, Dayton	10 00
	30	Jacob Mace	5 00
		Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil charge	25 00
Dec.	17	T. W. Chapman, Treasurer, Tuscarawas Classis	100 00
	25	Rev. S. B Yockey, Xenia charge	15 50
	26	" J. M. Kendig, Columbiana charge	15 00
1875.			
Jan.	4	" G. M. Albright, New Lisbon charge	10 00
		" H. Williard, Lancaster Classis	25 00
	6	M. Marquis, West Alexandria	12 89
	12	Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Thornville S. S.	8 00
	28	" J. H. Stepler	5 00
		" J. C. Klar, Navarre	5 00
		" G. W. Henning, St. Paul charge	2 50
March	4	" S. B. Yockey, Xenia "	10 00
		" C. W. Good, Germantown "	100 00
		T. W. Chapman, Treasurer, Tuscarawas Classis	50 00
	25	Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Somerset	9 40
		" L. H. Refauver, First Church, Tiffin	20 00
April	1	" G. H. Leonard, Basil charge	25 00
		" L. M. Kerschner, New Madison charge	2 00
	18	Mr. Moses Marquis, West Alexandria charge	15 75
		Rev. H. Shumaker, Springboro charge	5 55
		Amount of collection	$ 929 33
		Amount refunded by G. K. Hart	30 00
		Total amount received	$ 959 33
April	18	Balance due the Boarding Hall	96 96
			$1.056 29

1875.		CONTRA.	Cr.
March	25	By amount paid to 14 beneficiary students, as per vouchers	$1013 39
		" amount paid to 1 student, without voucher	2 50
		" " " for postal orders and stamps	1 60
		" " of expense in the Harsh suit	17 50
		Total	$1.034 99

Debts of the Board.

All the apportionments of the students have been paid to the close of winter session, ending March 25, 1875, with the exception of one of	$ 30 00
Amount due the Boarding Hall as given above	96 96
Total	$126 96

Amount due 14 beneficiaries by the close of the summer session, ending June 19, 1875 ..... $420 00

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the preceding reports had been referred, submitted the following report, which was received, amended, and adopted:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary beg leave to report:

That the several annual reports have been placed into their hands, and that they have examined them. From these reports it appears that the Theological Seminary is in a prosperous condition, subserving a good end in preparing young men for the Gospel Ministry, and deserving the continued confidence and support of the Church. For particulars the Synod is directed to the preceding annual reports.

In view of the statements and facts coming to our notice through the accompanying reports, the following resolutions are recommended for adoption:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Ohio Synod are hereby heartily tendered to E. B. Chain, Esq., for his efficient and faithful professional services gratuitously rendered in behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, at Tiffin, Ohio, in the Helffenstein case.

Resolved, In view of the loss again sustained by the Church by a defect in the note and papers of the Rev. A. Helffenstein, deceased, the case here referred to, this Synod urge the importance upon those who may feel it their duty to give to the Church, to do so, if possible, during their life-time, or if they do it by a bequest, that they see to it that it be done in such a way as to prevent any loss to the Church.

Resolved, That, as an important means of promoting the true financial interests of the Theological Seminary, the prompt payment of all obligations on becoming due, whether bonds, notes, or interest, is hereby earnestly urged upon all.

Resolved, That the Synod earnestly requests the congregations within its bounds to take up immediate collections for beneficiary education, in order to enable the Board to meet the demands at the close of the year.

Resolved, That Synod urges upon the Classes and congregations the importance of seeking out pious young men for the work of the Gospel Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. ALBRIGHT, *Chairman.*

The Stated Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of the first resolution in the foregoing report to E. B. Chain, Esq.

III. Election of Board of Theological Seminary.

1. *Board of Trustees.*

Rev. David Winters, D. D., and Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

The following are the members holding over:

For two years—Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., and David Van Horne.

For one year—Elds. Andrew H. Baughman and Benjamin Kuhns.

2. *Board of Visitors.*

Revs. George W. Williard, D. D., Lewis H. Kefauver, Reuben Good, Nathaniel H. Loose, Joshua H. Derr, David Van Horne, and John Vogt.

IV. Dismission of Students and Licensing Candidates, &c.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, on the afternoon of the third day of the sessions, reported in item 11, part *d*, that Iowa Classis requested Synod to correct its action of last year, concerning the licensing of candidates for the ministry; and also, part *e*, henceforth to prevent the Professors in the Seminary from granting regular dismissions to the theological students, who have not passed through the prescribed course of study.

Thereupon, on motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod sees no reason for changing its deliverance on this subject adopted during its sessions at Wooster, in 1874.

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary be instructed to inquire into the matter, and see that the action of this Synod, adopted one year ago on this subject, be strictly observed and carried into full effect. (*See Minutes* 1874, *page* 29.)

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

I. The Annual Reports.

The following reports were received and referred to the proper committee:

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, not having had any regular meeting since the Synod convened in Wooster, in

June, 1874, our report must be of a general nature, and perhaps unsatisfactory in some respects. There are, however, a number of things of general interest to which we may properly refer.

It affords us pleasure to be able to report the continued prosperity of the College, and the increased patronage and favor which it enjoys. According to the catalogue now in the hands of the printer, there have been two hundred and ten students in attendance during the year, which is the largest number in the history of the College. The general deportment of the students has also been commendable.

The course of study, as now adopted by the Board, is as complete and thorough as that of the older Colleges of the State, so that those who may wish to avail themselves of the opportunities that are here presented for obtaining a liberal education, can do so with profit to themselves.

The present teaching force of the College consists of five regular Professors, together with the Professor of the German Language and Literature, who is supplying a congregation in connection with his duties in the College, and a tutor in the Greek and Latin languages.

The present senior class, which expects to graduate in June, numbers eighteen members, which is the largest we have yet had. About half of these, we are glad to say, have the ministry in view, and will enter the Theological Seminary.

We are also pleased to report that our representative, E. P. Herbruck, took the first honor in the late contest which was had in Akron, on the 5th of last February, by the Colleges of Ohio. This was a great honor to our College, when we remember that nine of the Colleges of Ohio, some of which are among the oldest and best endowed in the State, took part in the contest. The honor thus achieved secures to us the higher honor of having Mr. Herbruck to represent the State of Ohio as its champion in the States' contest, to be held in a short time in Indianapolis, which we hope may go far to bring Heidelberg College into general notice and favor.

Very little has been added to the endowment of the College during the year. The financial pressure of the times has made it impossible to do much in this respect. We have, therefore, had the agent, H. Leonard, to devote his time to the collection of what is due the College in notes and interest, which seemed to require immediate attention, so as to make what endowment we have active to as great an extent as possible.

The outlay of the College for the present year, including the salaries of Professors and Agent, with the necessary incidental expenses, will amount to about $6,000. These expenses the Board expects to be able to meet by the close of the year.

With these evidences of the growth and prosperity of the College, the Synod has much reason to rejoice, and to extend to

it the heartiest co-operation for the future. With the advantages we now have, in the way of endowment, buildings, apparatus, and general favor, there is every reason to believe that Heidelberg College can, in a short time, rank among the first Colleges of Ohio, if its friends will only foster and cherish it as they should.

There are some things which would have an important bearing upon the success of the College, if they could be provided for, such as more ample accommodation for students, and a Chapel where we might hold our religious services and literary entertainments. If some liberal-hearted friends would contribute the funds necessary to provide for these wants, they would add greatly to the efficiency of the College, and at the same time advance the cause of education.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Board of Trustees,

GEORGE W. WILLIARD, *President.*
NELSON L. BREWER, *Treasurer.*

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2. *Report of Financial Agent.*

Another Synodical year has rolled around, which makes it necessary for me to report in regard to my operations for the College.

I feel grateful to God that my life and health have been spared, so that I have been able to prosecute the work in which I have been engaged for a number of years.

My report for the present year is comparatively short, though I have not been inactive. I did little during the year in the way of adding to the endowment of our institutions, as most of the territory embraced within the bounds of this Synod has been canvassed. It is, however, not to be inferred from this, that the work is finished, or that there are no more fish to be caught. We believe, and know, that there are still more friends who will take family and perpetual scholarships in our College. And then we trust, too, that we will find some large-hearted friends, before very long, who will come forward and furnish means to erect additional buildings, which are greatly needed both for the College and Seminary.

In consulting with the President of the College, we have concluded that it would be best to give special attention, for the present, to the collection of the notes and interest now due the College and Seminary.

There is much of the endowment that is unproductive, and needs attention. This is nothing more than might have been expected under the circumstances, as those who gave their notes are scattered over a wide territory, and can not be reached without expense and trouble. Many, it must be said to their praise,

have paid their interest regularly, whilst others have been very derelict.

The last six weeks I have been engaged in writing letters to delinquents, sending a statement of accounts to all in arrears, and endeavoring to collect out-standing dues. Some have already responded, and others, no doubt, will soon. If all the interest now due our institutions were paid, it would be a great relief, and add much to their efficiency. The College has a right to expect that those who have subscribed to its support will at least pay the interest on their notes as it becomes due. It is mainly by this means that the current expenses can be met. It might be well if the Synod would call attention to this, and urge all in arrears to send in the amount of their indebtedness at once. Our institutions should be warmly cherished. God has prospered them beyond our most sanguine expectations, and they have become an honor as well as a blessing to the Church.

At the request of the Board of Trustees, I have visited the lands in Missouri donated to the College by R. W. Shawhan, of Tiffin, O. These lands are situated in the southern portion of the State of Missouri, which is but thinly settled. Much of the land is heavily timbered, and may, in the course of time, be valuable, but is not much in demand at the present, as there are other portions of the country that offer greater immediate inducements.

I traveled during the year three thousand five hundred and thirty-six miles. Total miles traveled since the 22d day of January, 1857, sixty-eight thousand, one hundred and thirty (68,130) miles.

Financial Statement.

	DR.	
Received, crumbs from the old folks		$ 40 85
" " from the children		25 95
" proceeds from my allegorical lectures		57 26
" on old notes and interest		1093 70
		$1217 76
	CR.	
In cash paid over to President	$1093 70	
Total traveling expenses during the year, including postage and printing	193 01	
		$1286 71
Balance due the Agent		$ 68 95

I obtained this year only six hundred dollars in notes towards the endowment fund, and handed them over.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY LEONARD, Agent.

II. Report of Committee on Heidelberg College.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee would respectfully report as follows:

The following papers have been referred to us for our consideration: (*a*) Report of the Trustees, (*b*) that of the Agent of the College.

The influence of the College has widened and deepened during the past year as, perhaps, it has not done in any previous year. Every one should rejoice most heartily to know that there has been an unusually large attendance of students, and that the young men of our institution have been winning honors which reflect great credit upon our College. As it increases in its influence, its resources and pupils will multiply, and we should be most highly gratified that our institution is acquiring quite a prestige for thoroughness of scholarship, high culture, and completeness in all proper opportunities for affording a superior education to all those who mingle in its life and pursue its course of study.

When we remember how greatly we need thoroughly educated and cultured ministers, and when we call to mind what blessings Heidelberg College has already scattered over the Western Church, we cannot too earnestly urge upon the membership at large to provide our institution with every needful means of performing its specific work in the most satisfactory manner. The special attention of wealthy and liberal men in the Church is called to the necessity of the erection of a College Chapel, so that all in connection with the institution could form a College Church, and a suitable hall be provided for college exercises.

Whilst thanking Almighty God for the prosperity of the College in past years, we trust that this is but the bright assurance of better things in the future.

Your committee would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Reports of the Board of Trustees, and of the Agent, be adopted.

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its hearty satisfaction with the educational and financial management of the institution, and once more takes pleasure in commending the College to the kindly favors and patronage of the Church.

Resolved, That we especially urge the prompt payment of all obligations, whether of principal or interest, so that the College may not be hampered in the least in any of its departments.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Boards of Heidelberg College.

1. *Board of Trustees.*

Revs. Samuel Mease, D. D., Herman Rust, D. D., and Messrs. Lewis Keller, William E. Schmertz, Louis Baltzell, and Lewis Shriver.

The following are the members holding over:

For three years—Revs. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., David Winters, D. D., Sebastian C. Goss, William McCaughey, Jacob M. LeFevre, and John Kuelling.

For two years—Revs. Henry M. Herman, John Vogt, and Messrs. Thomas Swander, Moses Marquis, William L. Snyder, and John Poorman.

For one year—Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., and Messrs. Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., Geo. P. Williard, M. D., Warren P. Noble, Esq., and Rezzin W. Shawhan.

2. *Board of Visitors.*

Revs. David Van Horne, Nathaniel H. Loose, Samuel B. Yockey, Richard B. Reichard, and Charles W. Good.

ARTICLE XVI.

MISSIONS.

I. Home Missions.

1. *Report of Board of Missions of Ohio Synod.*

Another year in the history of our missionary operations has passed around, and it becomes our duty to lay before Synod a synopsis of what has been done in this department of the work of the Church. It is now five years since the re-organization of the Ohio Board, and our operations, very small for the first year or two, have gradually increased. We feel persuaded that the Synod has now entered upon the right plan, and that it needs only a steady adherence to the present methods to make the work very successful in the end.

1. *Our Needs.*

What is needed more especially, is a general participation in this missionary work by all of our congregations. It is still too true, alas, that nearly half of our churches have, for some reason or other, failed to take part in it. We are persuaded that this is not because of a want of interest in missions. Our people are always ready to respond, we believe, whenever the great

privilege of aiding to spread the Gospel is presented properly to them. Especially do they take an interest in seeing that the scattered members of the Reformed Church in the West are gathered together into congregations, and in assisting them to build suitable houses of worship. The main difficulty seems to lie in a want of tact on the part of the ministry, many of whom allow the year to pass around, while no earnest effort for missions is made. There is needed here, not only a training of the membership to give, but a training of the ministers (as *overseers*) to see to it that the people have an opportunity to give, and are earnestly urged to do so. If the Synod can think of some action that will aid in calling forth a steady stream of benevolence *from every congregation*, year by year, it will very materially help this cause. As the Board of Church Erection has now been organized, and has commenced its work under favorable auspices, we hope that the two Boards may mutually assist each other, and so stir up the hearts of God's people that the whole work of missions will steadily increase for many years to come.

2. *The Want of Ministers.*

One great embarrassment with the Board, during the past two years, has been the difficulty of obtaining suitable ministers for promising points of labor. It might, at first glance, be supposed that this argues a want of missionary spirit, and self-sacrificing devotion, on the part of the ministers, in not being willing to respond to the call of the great Head of the Church by the answer, "Here am I, Lord, send me." But we do not believe that this is the real difficulty in the case. In our opinion the difficulty lies in this, *that we have too few ministers in the Ohio Synod, that this has been the case in every year for the past decennium*, and that this will probably be the case for a few years to come. We educate too few young men for the ministry. We only add about ten men yearly to our ranks, and this is too small an addition. In the last three years, as we have had occasion to know by actual observation, there has always been an excess of at least 12 charges over the number of ministers. To-day there are over 12 charges vacant in Ohio, and hardly a minister without charge. What we very urgently need, therefore, is such a revival of the beneficiary work as will double the number of candidates for the ministry. Not merely a doubling of the funds collected for missions is what is needed, but a seeking out of double the number of young men who will be willing to devote themselves, their talents, and their lives, to the work of the ministry of Jesus Christ. If such a result could be secured, then when promising points invite us to help them, there would be no such difficulty as there is now to secure properly qualified

and competent men for the posts. And the funds to support them, if the work is carried on judiciously, will not be found wanting in that case.

Under this view, we cannot too strongly urge upon the brethren the duty of seeking out godly young men for the ministry. He who does this, really does missionary labor and missionary work of the very best kind.

3. *Contributions.*

The receipts for the year, from all sources, have been $2450 65. It will be seen that there has been an encouraging and steady increase since 1870. The following table gives the yearly contributions:

1870—71	$ 381 44
1871—72	857 50
1872—73	2050 50
1873—74	2295 40
1874—75	2450 65

4. *The Missions.*

We proceed now to give a brief account of the state and prospects of each of the missions:

1. *Denver City, Colorado*—Rev. J. A. Keller. Our missionary has now been in Denver a little over a year. The church is a neat brick edifice, on an eligible lot, which is yearly increasing in value. The erection of this building has heavily taxed and strained the small band of devoted brethren in Denver. The two lots are paid for, and the church also, with the exception of a debt of about $2,300. This debt would be no great impediment if it were not for two considerations, (1) the heavy rate of interest which has necessarily to be paid in Denver, and (2) on account of this heavy rate over $400 has to be raised annually to discharge it, and this prevents the mission from becoming self-supporting at as early a date as the Board desires and expects. We have desired to enforce the rule that no mission shall be allowed to depend for years upon the Church, as a burden, and to the manifest injury of the general cause. We must learn wisdom from the past. Hence, in order to prepare the way for this mission to become self-supporting within a few years, and in order to reduce this debt so as to make the whole enterprise perfectly secure, humanly speaking, we have urged Rev. Keller to make a visit to the churches, for the purpose of collecting, if possible, the sum of 1,000 or 1,500 dollars. If this sum can be secured, we believe that no further aid to the church building will be required. If the ministers and congregations will receive, welcome, and assist Rev. Keller, we believe it will be the most economical thing the Reformed Church can do.

We therefore ask the Synod to take such action, commending this call upon the liberality of the Churches, as will open the way for Rev. Keller, so that this whole interest may at once, and once for all, be put upon a proper footing.

2. *Hiawatha*, in Brown and Nemaha counties, Kansas. This field is one of the most promising in the whole West. But Synod knows that the States of Kansas and Nebraska were visited last year with a great affliction, by reason of the drouth and grasshopper plague. It was much worse in some sections than in others. Owing to the scanty income from the congregations, and other causes, Rev. J. H. Beck, the missionary at this point, became discouraged during the year, and resigned somewhat hastily. But we learn that the prospects there are now even better than before, because additional Reformed families have since then moved in. Just so soon as a suitable brother can be found, we will again take up this field. In the meantime a portion of it is supplied, for the time being, by Rev. C. Wieser, of Wathena.

3. *Ravenna and Princeton*, Mercer county, Mo.—Rev. J. V. Lerch, appropriation, $150. This mission has prospered during the year. More has been accomplished than could well have been expected. As the appropriation has been so small, the missionary, in order to be able to hold his ground, has not been ashamed to help himself by teaching, as St. Paul did by tent-making.

4. *Wathena*, Doniphan county, Kansas—Rev. C. Wieser, appropriation $175. This is a German field, and has now been supplied by Mr. Wieser, for a year. He has not been without his difficulties. But he reports that the work is progressing, and that the prospects are encouraging.

5. *Abiline*, Dickinson county, Kansas—Rev. J. A. Nicolai, appropriation $150. The missionary has now labored here for a year, and has succeeded in again reuniting the two parties in the church. This is a very promising settlement, being composed almost entirely of Swiss; but it was severely visited by the drouth and grasshoppers.

Agreeably to the action of the last Synod, these five charges and their pastors have duly organized as a classis, by a meeting at Wathena on the 14th of April. The organization did not take place at the time and place first appointed, mainly because of the return of Rev. Beck to Ohio before that time. As the brethren live hundreds of miles apart, it was not a little difficult for all of them to meet together in the first meeting of Kansas Classis. Yet that has now been happily accomplished, and we pray that God's blessing may rest upon this infant Classis, and that it may

grow, and prove a blessing to the missions and to the Reformed Church.

We have great hopes that it will specially prove a great blessing to the congregations, because they and the ministers stand greatly in need of that *overseeing* and supervision which, according to our Scriptural mode of Church Government, belongs to the Classis. It is impossible for a Board of Missions to investigate and decide such questions of discipline and complaint that are constantly coming forward, and which fall properly within the jurisdiction of a Classis.

In connection with this, we think it proper to draw the attention of Synod, in the way of encouragement, to the fact, that within a little more than two years all these brethren have been stationed in the far West, and a new Classis has thus arisen under our missionary operations in this field. We have thus materially extended the borders of our Zion. Our labor has not been in vain. Let not the Church become weary in well-doing.

6. *Galion*, Ohio—Rev. H. Williard, appropriation $300. The continued stringency in financial matters has greatly impeded this mission. It has prevented the forward movement in the matter of erecting a house of worship, and until this is accomplished the mission cannot be said to be upon a permanent basis. The congregation is a good one, and is increasing. We must record here the noble act of Rev. Williard in donating one whole year's salary ($300,) to the Board, in consequence of the failure to go forward with the building of a church as the Board felt to be necessary. It was an entirely voluntary act on his part, and therefore deserves the grateful remembrance of the Church.

7. *Freeport*, Illinois—Rev. A. Schroeder resigned this mission about six months ago. As the mission had been so long supported by the Board, and had grown, as we thought, sufficiently strong to stand alone, we did not continue the appropriation after the resignation of Bro. Schroeder. The congregation has again secured an active pastor, Rev. J. Wernly, and we doubt not but that it will be a permanent accession to the Reformed Church.

8. *Centre Charge*, Illinois, (near Shelbyville,) Rev. S. P. Myers. This mission has held its ground, and slowly increased. In consequence of the resignation of the Altamont Mission, by Rev. L. M. Kerschner, and also a vacancy of a portion of the Shelby charge, and the scarcity of ministers in that portion of our territory, we have allowed Bro. Myers to supply these vacant fields, as far as in his power, until additional ministers can be obtained.

9. *Altamont*, Illinois—Rev. L. M. Kerschner resigned this field about six months ago. He reported that it had materially grown, and could for the future be self-supporting. But the charge has secured no pastor as yet.

10. *Sycamore Mission*, Illinois—Rev. D. K. Fulcason. Bro. Fulcason ceased his labors in McLean county some time ago, and we had considerable correspondence with the view of obtaining a missionary for this field exclusively, but as the brethren in that section were unfortunate in their crops last year, the matter has been postponed for the time being.

11. *Church of the Cross*, Cincinnati—Rev. P. C. Prugh. We have the unpleasant duty of reporting to Synod that this enterprise, it appears, must finally be given up. Rev. Prugh has now labored in the field for two years, and has himself come reluctantly to the conclusion that the church property cannot be saved. They have been again and again disappointed in directions where they had hoped for material aid, and have finally come to the conclusion, that so far as human eye can see, there is no hope left of saving the property to the Reformed Church. The simple and decisive fact is, that the debt of the church has accumulated until it almost equals the entire value of the property.

We feel inexpressibly pained at this result. We think of the fact that for so many years the Missionary Boards have liberally supported the pastors of the church; and of the further fact, that we have two strong German churches in Cincinnati, and certainly ought to have been able to carry this one English church through all difficulties, so as to afford a home for those who need ministrations in English; and the still further fact that it is a neat edifice, in an eligible situation. But as the result seems to be now unavoidable, it is better not any longer to row against wind and tide, and to yield submissively to the dispensations of Providence.

But one lesson we should, once for all, learn from the history of this enterprise, a lesson that has been verified in other cases also, namely, *that no mission supported by the Board* must be allowed to rest under a consuming debt for a number of years. In no case must the interest on the debt be allowed to accumulate for years. Every year the interest ought to be promptly paid, either by the congregation or the Church at large. No missionary aid should be continued to any field where this rule is not observed. Better stop the aid at the beginning, or near it, than to run into such a final disappointment in the end.

12. *Greenville*, Darke county, Ohio—Rev. R. B. Reichard, appropriation $250. Rev. W. McCaughey resigned this field six months ago, and Bro. Reichard has been appointed his successor, and has commenced his labors with zeal, though under very discouraging circumstances. These discouraging circum-

stances are simply similar to those in the case of the Church of the Cross, namely, a fine church has been built; the debt is large; the annual interest accumulates, and final loss stares them in the face, unless active measures are taken at once to put matters on a better footing. Yet the case is somewhat better than that of the Church of the Cross; the debt is not so large, and there is more material to work upon in the way of gathering a congregation. We are glad to learn that the Board of Church Erection has taken active measures to ascertain the exact amount and burden of the debt, with a view of helping them by church funds, if this be regarded as judicious. We trust this will be done, and at once, because the mission has already been on the Board for a number of years, and it would be decidedly wrong to continue missionary appropriations any longer, if the debt is allowed to increase.

13. *Hamilton*, Ohio—Rev. G. Z. Mechling, appropriation $200. This mission has been laboring under a similar difficulty, but we understand is gradually emerging from the same.

14. *Brown County*, Ohio. This mission has now become self-supporting.

15. *Bradford*, Darke county, Ohio. This mission has been vacant for a year, in consequence of the lack of ministers in our Synod.

16. *Youngstown*, Ohio. This station is under the direct care of Eastern Ohio Classis. It became vacant in October last, by the resignation of Rev. J. Biery, since which time it has been supplied by members of the Classis. It is now regularly supplied by Rev. J. B. Zumpe. This mission suffered greatly during the past year through the depression in business, as our members are poor and laboring men; yet they have good hopes of becoming a self-supporting charge within a few years. Appropriation $300.

17. *Jefferson*, Harrison county, Ohio—Rev. J. Heller—reports quite favorably; quite a number of accessions to the church, and prospects good for the future. The congregation has built a parsonage, and will soon be able to support its own pastor wholly. Appropriation $50; under the care of Eastern Ohio Classis.

18. *Leetonia*, Ohio. Also under the care of Eastern Ohio Classis, and cared for by Rev. J. M. Kendig. About 18 months ago a congregation of 18 members was organized, and accessions have been made during the year. The prospects are good.

19. *Lancaster*, Ohio. This mission has been under the care of Lancaster Classis, and under the efficient ministration of Rev. W. A. Hale it has now grown to be a strong, self-supporting charge. We understand that the entire debt upon the Lancaster church has been paid.

20. *Ironton*, Ohio—under the care of Lancaster Classis. We understand that it has now also become a self-supporting charge.

21. *Somerset*, Ohio. A mission was commenced in this place by Rev. C. W. Hoyman, a year or two ago. It has greatly prospered, a fine church having been erected, and all paid for, and a congregation organized. Efforts have been made to secure the services of a pastor, who will need missionary aid for a year or two. Too much praise cannot be given Rev. Hoyman for the zeal, good judgment and energy with which he has prosecuted this enterprise.

22. *Rochester*, Indiana. We reported last year that this was recommended by St. Joseph's Classis as a new mission. Owing to the deficiency of ministers, no missionary has yet been sent. Repeated efforts to this end have been made, but without results thus far. The neighboring ministers, we understand, are paying due attention to this point.

23. *Mansfield*, Ohio. There are several old congregations in the neighborhood of Mansfield that have been vacant for many years. It is believed that if the services of a suitable man can be secured, and missionary aid extended for a few years, a congregation can be gathered in the city of Mansfield in connection with these country congregations. Efforts will be made to secure a man for this field.

24. *Mohicanville*, Ohio. This has been made a mission by Tuscarawas Classis, with an appropriation of $100, and has been taken charge of by Rev. H. H. Sandoe. It is expected that some new congregations will be gathered in the neighborhood, which will make a charge in connection with Mohicanville.

25. *Ohle's Congregation*—Rev. Jesse Hines. Appropriation $50. This congregation and field is also under the care of Tuscarawas Classis.

26. *Piqua*, Ohio. This mission, formerly under the care of the German Board, has lately been transferred to this Board, commencing with January 1st, 1875, the Cincinnati Classis having engaged to provide the funds for its maintenance. We have not yet been informed as to the particulars of the mission.

Still other promising points in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, and Colorado, could be mentioned, to which we have given some attention, but we think it most judicious not to indicate them. Continually the reflection forces itself upon the mind, *how much could we not do if we only had the men and means?* The field truly is white for the harvest. Whilst we cannot send out many new men, it is very encouraging to learn that many of the pastors are actively engaged in missionary work in their own

neighborhoods, and that in this way new charges and congregations are every year being added to the church. The lack of men and means has repeatedly moved the Ohio Synod to the thought of appointing a Superintendent of Missions. It has been believed by many that the matter could be materially helped in this way.

5. *Superintendent of Missions.*

It is the opinion of the Board, that the time will certainly come when it will be eminently judicious to make such an appointment. But we have not done so during the year, for the following reasons, (1) we have not been able to find a suitable man to fill so responsible an office; (2) we have not the ministers to place in the stations that would be established. A Superintendent, by devoting half his time to the home field, could certainly do much to secure funds, and he might also do something in the way of securing young men to prepare for the ministry. But it must be remembered that between the time of securing the young men, and their being ready to take charge of missions, at least five or six years must elapse according to our system. It seems plain then, to every one conversant with the facts, that the first and most pressing work is to obtain the men; and then the next work is to prepare them; and this requires time. Until this is done, the great expense of a Superintendent can be saved, and the work of exploring can be done as now, at small expense, by pastors and ordinary missionaries. We have already double the number of fields explored that we can supply. The funds, probably, could be obtained at once, but where are the men?

6. *The Debt of the Board.*

In 1873 we reported our debt, due to the missionaries, as $500. In 1874 this had increased to $1,150. The debt is now about $1,400.

7. *Conclusion.*

In conclusion, the President of the Board desires to say, that having served the Church faithfully for three years past, in this very onerous and delicate office, *he must beg hereafter to be relieved from acting as a member of the Board.* He feels it his duty to insist upon this. Other hands must now take up the work, and carry it forward. If carried forward in the same general direction as during the past five years, it cannot fail to aid greatly in extending the borders of the Reformed Church, and the upbuilding of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

JEREMIAH H. GOOD,
President Board of Missions.

2. *Report of Treasurer of Home Missions.*

L. H. Kefauver, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod.* Dr.

Rev.	H. Wilson, Shelbyville charge	$ 6 75
"	L. H. Kefauver, First Reformed Ch., Tiffin	25 00
"	W. B. Sandoe, Zion's charge	20 25
"	Jonas Michael, Liberty Centre charge	6 00
"	Henry Wegert, New Bavaria charge	47 00
"	D. Kemmerer, D. D., Apple Creek congregation	8 62
"	F. W. Kremer, D. D., Treasurer Ursinus Union	131 50
Eld.	Moses Marquis, West Alexandria charge	20 03
Rev.	J. S. Gough	5 00
"	G. M. Albright, New Lisbon charge	5 75
"	P. Herbruck, D. D., Canton charge	24 50
"	J. J. Leberman, Louisville, O., charge	5 00
"	L. Richter, Fostoria charge	20 17
"	I. A. Sites, Rock Grove, Ill., charge	67 20
"	J. M. Grether, Frieden's charge	7 70
"	H. Kortheuer	5 00
"	G. W. Henning, St. Paul's charge	4 00
"	J. H. Beck	2 00
Mrs.	Hannah Goranflo, of Allentown, Pa., to make J. H. Lawfer a life member	30 00
Rev.	L. K. Derr, St. John's Miss. Soc., Slatington, Pa.	15 00
"	J. Michael, Liberty Center charge	1 40
Eld.	T. W. Chapman, Treasurer Tuscarawas Classis	59 07
Rev.	Jesse Richards, St. Paris charge	15 00
"	E. R. Willard, Middleburg congregation	3 75
"	W. B. Sandoe, Harvest Col., Zion's charge	18 60
"	F. W. Kremer, D. D., Treasurer Ursinus Union	169 00
"	W. B. Sandoe, Zion's Church	8 00
"	J. A. Peters, Alexandria, Pa., Church	18 00
"	E. H. Otting, Warren, O., for Denver mission	10 40
"	F. Strassner, Orrville congregation	10 00
"	T. J. Bacher, Salem congregation, semi-centennial offering	24 18
"	Henry Williard, semi-centennial offering	300 00
"	L. H. Kefauver, First Ref. Church, Tiffin, semi-centennial	100 00
"	H. Wilson, Shelbyville charge	2 40
"	G. W. Henning, St. Paul's charge, H. Home and semi-cen.	10 50
"	L. H. Kefauver, First Church, Tiffin	50 00
"	S. B. Yockey, Beaver congregation	13 00
"	H. Hilbish, Wooster congregation	15 00
"	P. C. Prugh, Sunday-school, Church of the Cross, Cin	13 33
"	Jacob Weaver, Salem congregation	1 50
"	J. Heckman, Salem congregation, Cincinnati	50 00
Mrs.	Rev. G. Long, Indianapolis, per Rev. P. C. Prugh	1 00
Rev.	R. B. Reichard, Greenville, O	5 00
"	H. Wilson, Shelbyville, Ill	17 00
"	P. C. Prugh, Church of the Cross, Cin	7 00
"	F. W. Kremer, Treasurer of Ursinus Union	169 00
"	L. M. Kerschner, New Madison charge	7 05
"	T. J. Bacher, Fremont charge, semi-centennial collection	8 60
"	J. W. Cecil, Mt. Gilead and Mt. Zion congregations, N. C.	6 55
"	W. B. Sandoe, Zion's congregation, semi-cen. collection	19 38
"	F. W. Kremer, Treasurer Ursinus Union	169 00
"	S. P. Mauger, Winchester, O., charge	16 66
"	G. H. Albright, Polk, O., semi-cen. of Mrs. M. M. McConnel	10 00
	Carried forward.	$1785 84

Brought forward. DR.	$1785 84
Mr. Otis Barnet, Clear Creek, O., for Kansas	5 00
Rev. S. B. Yockey, Xenia Sunday-school	20 00
" " " charge	46 00
" " Beaver Sunday-school	12 95
" I. A. Sites, Rock Grove, Ill.	8 80
" O. J. Accola, Second Church, Dayton	34 75
" H. Shumaker, Springboro charge	36 45
" F. W. Berleman, Millville charge	11 25
	$1.961 04

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Rev. S. P. Myers, missionary at Shelbyville, Illinois	$ 148 81
" A. Shroeder, " Freeport, "	100 00
" J. A. Keller, " Denver, Col	264 79
" " " " moving expenses	176 10
" " " " on church building	43 90
" F. P. Hartmetz, "	6 00
" John H. Beck, " at Hiawatha, Kansas	25 00
" J. A. Nicolai, " Abilene, "	194 00
" " " traveling expenses	4 00
" J. V. Lerch, " Princeton, Mo.	143 25
" Charles J. Wieser, " Wathena, Kansas	75 00
" Henry Williard, " Galion, O.	300 00
" P. C. Prugh, " Cincinnati, O.	85 83
" L. M. Kerschner, " Altamont, Ill.	30 00
" R. B. Reichard, Greenville, O	55 00
By cash, for interest on money borrowed from bank	8 00
" for sending out circulars	1 70
" for legal services	17 50
" for stationery and postage	13 28
Balance due Treasurer on last settlement	98 92
Rev. H. Rusterholz, Piqua, O.	46 00
" J. A. Keller, Denver, Col	10 00
" P. C. Prugh, Cincinnati, O	26 00
" W. McCaughey	45 00
" R. B. Reichard, Greenville, O	25 00
" G. Z. Mechling, Hamilton, O	25 00
	$1.968 08
	1.961 04
Balance due Treasurer	$ 7 04
Due Missionaries	1.502 00
Whole amount of indebtedness	$1.509 04

Whole amount received and expended for Home Missions:

Received by Synod's Board	$1.961 04
" " Board of Lancaster Classis	300 00
" " Board of Eastern Ohio Classis	189 55
Total	$2.450 59
Paid out by Synod's Board:	$1.968 08
" " Board of Lancaster Classis	300 00
" " Board of Eastern Ohio Classis	125 00
Total	$2,393 08

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of Board of Church Erection.*

The Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, elected at the last meeting of said Synod, at Wooster, would report that the Board organized by the election of the following officers:

Rev. Henry M. Herman, *President.*
Rev. David Van Horne, *Secretary.*
Rev. John Kuelling, *Treasurer.*

During the year the Board, through a committee, prepared a Constitution and By-Laws for its government. This was a work of great importance, and with a sense of the responsibility resting upon the committee, the work was undertaken and completed. As the result of this undertaking, the Constitution and By-Laws are herewith submitted for the consideration of Synod.

Thus far, but little has been accomplished by the Board, inasmuch as the contributions to its funds have been so very meagre. Notwithstanding the appeals made through our periodicals, and the acknowledged importance of the work undertaken by this Board, not quite $200 have been contributed. It is to be hoped that in the future a more earnest and active interest will be manifested in this important church work.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *President.*

CONSTITUTION OF BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION OF OHIO SYNOD, AS ADOPTED BY THE SYNOD DURING ITS PRESENT SESSIONS:

Article I.—This incorporation shall be known as the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Art. II.—Its object shall be to secure suitable sites for church purposes, by legal title in the Reformed Church, and to aid feeble congregations in erecting necessary houses of worship.

Art. III.—The Board shall consist of five members, elected by the Ohio Synod at its annual meetings; and its officers shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, and present a report of the actions of the Board to the Synod at its regular annual meeting. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Board. And the Treasurer shall take possession of all the funds, and pay them out as directed by a majority of the Board, or make whatever disposition of the funds as may be designated by the donors, and make a full report of all moneys received or paid out during the year to the Synod at its annual meeting.

Art. IV.—All funds and securities committed to this Board shall be regarded and held as a special trust; no part of them, nor any additions which may be hereafter received, shall ever be used for any other purpose than that of aiding feeble congregations in securing building lots and erecting houses of worship, except so much as may be absolutely necessary to defray the expenses incident to the administration of this plan.

Art. V.—The funds and securities which may come into the custody of the Board shall be held and used in two separate departments. The first department shall include all moneys, notes, deeds or bequests, designated as a *Permanent Fund*, which shall be safely invested by the Board, and the interest thereof only used from year to year.

Five hundred dollars, or more, contributed at one time by any individual, family, or congregation, shall constitute a separate loan fund in this department, which shall bear the name of the contributor or contributors, or such name as they shall designate.

Any part of this *Permanent Fund* shall never be donated for any purpose or used for current expenses, but shall be a perpetual fund, to be loaned in aid of church erection, under the direction of the Board. *The Second department* shall include all moneys not designated as *Permanent Fund*, which shall be held for the *immediate use* of the Board in meeting its current expenses from year to year.

Art. VI.—The regular annual meeting of the Board, for the adoption of the reports of its officers, shall be held previous to each annual meeting of Synod; and the newly-elected members shall meet and organize during the sessions of Synod, or as early as possible after the adjournment of Synod.

Art. VII.—This Board shall elect its own officers, have authority to adopt By-Laws in harmony with this Constitution, and shall have charge of all the interest and work of church erection within the bounds of the Ohio Synod.

Art. VIII.—All applications for aid from the funds under the control of the Board must give explicit answers to the following questions:

(1.) Describe the location of the house or site for its erection.

(2.) State how many families or persons propose to unite in building the house of worship, and what proportion of them are members of the Reformed Church.

(3.) What description of house do you propose to build, its estimated and probable cost (or a description of the cost of the house and lot owned by the congregation, if it have one.)

(4.) Give the amount of reliable subscriptions which have been obtained, and how much has been paid thereon. Has the congregation any other financial investments, prospects, or resources? if so, describe them.

(5.) State whether the congregation is in debt, and if so to what amount, and when the same becomes due.

(6.) Give any other facts which may aid the Board in judging of the merits of the application.

(7.) Accompany the application with evidence that the title to the lot on which the house is built, or is to be built, is vested in said congregation, and is free from all legal incumbrance and liability.

Art. IX. The Board shall *never* donate investments unless congregations own in *fee simple* and free from all legal incumbrance the lot on which the house is built, or which they propose to build; nor shall any donation be made for the payment of any debt except that which may have been contracted within one year previous in erecting a house of worship. The sum donated shall never be more than one-third of the amount contributed and secured by them for the house and lot. If the church or congregation shall cease relations to the Synod (this shall not be construed as sanctioning any estrangement of property, however,) or corporate existence cease, or house of worship be alienated except for building or purchase of a better one, they shall refund the full amount received, with interest from the time of receiving it.

The fulfillment of the above conditions shall, in all cases, be secured by the bond of the trustees of the congregation, and a mortgage on their house and lot made in favor of the Board, which bond, duly executed and recorded, shall always be placed in the possession of the Board before any money is paid over to the congregation. While this bond is held only as a legal security against the alienation or forfeiture of property from the Reformed Church, yet it is understood that a moral obligation rests upon congregations thus assisted to refund the money advanced by the Board in contributions to its current fund for the help of other feeble and struggling congregations.

Art. X.—This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Synod.

4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.*

REV. JOHN KUELLING, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod.*

	DR.
Rev. G. M. Albright, New Lisbon charge	$ 5 75
" P. Herbruck, D. D., Canton, O	4 70
" J. J. Leberman, Louisville, O	5 00
" I. A. Sites, Rock Grove, Ill	28 45
" D. Winters, D. D., Mt. Zion's charge, semi-centennial	25 00
" J. Kuelling, First Church, Cincinnati, O	3 00
" S. C. Goss, Wadsworth charge, O	10 00
" H. M. Herman, West Alexandria charge	24 51
" H. Shumaker, Sringboro, O	2 00
" T. H. Winters, for the Bradford Church	52 00
Raised by Lancaster Classis	50 45
	$210 86

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Paid Rev. J. A. Keller, Denver City Church, Col	$ 70 90
" Treasurer's book	2 50
" Rev. L. M. Kerschner, Altamont, Ill	10 00
" Mr. H. Klinger, Bradford Church, O	52 00
" out by Lancaster Classis	50 45
	$185 85
Balance in Treasury	$ 25 01

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KUELLING, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of Committee on Home Missions.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions submittted the following report, which was received, amended, and, together with the preceding reports, including the Constitution of the Board of Church Erection, adopted:

Your committee would present the following report:

All papers coming into our hands have been carefully examined; and as the whole missionary work is presented by the Presidents of the Boards of Home Missions and of Church Erection, and as these reports will go before the people, our only duty is to report resolutions for the action of Synod. The indebtedness of the Board has rapidly accumulated, until we find that, as now reported by the Treasurer, it is $1,510 98.

The Synod will see the absolute necessity of making such provisions as not only to meet the current expenses, but also to liquidate the indebtedness of the Board. We therefore present for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Synod respectfully requests all the ministers to give to their people, each year, an opportunity to make contributions for Home Missions.

Resolved, That Synod regards this a duty resting upon each minister, and that the faithful performance of ministerial obligations includes the duty of urging upon the people the Christian privilege of assisting in the spread of the Gospel.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be instructed to establish in the *Christian World* a Missionary Department, wherein all matters pertaining to this part of the Church's work may be presented to the people.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod are due to the Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., President of the Board of Home Missions, for the faithful and efficient manner of conducting this department of the Church's work.

Resolved, That Synod commends the Board of Church Erection to the liberality of all her people.

Resolved, That the appointment of a Superintendent of Missions be referred to the Boards of Missions and Church Erection.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman*.

III. Election of Board of Home Missions.

Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Jer. H. Good, D. D., Nathaniel H. Loose, and Messrs. Lewis Keller and F. Slaymaker.

IV. Election of Board of Church Erection.

Revs. David Van Horne, Henry M. Herman, Nathaniel H. Loose, John Kuelling, and Sebastian C. Goss.

V. The Reformed Church at Hamilton, O.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, Rev. David Van Horne, Secretary of the Board of Church Erection, made some important statements before Synod in regard to the Reformed Church at Hamilton, Ohio, urging the Synod to raise $2,000, as by so doing the entire indebtedness of said church would be liquidated, and the mission become self-sustaining; therefore,

Resolved, That this proposition be accepted, and that the members of Synod be urged to pledge themselves, and charges,

for a specified sum for this purpose; and that, should any deficiency remain, the Board of Church Erection be instructed to provide for the deficiency.

VI. The Reformed Mission at Denver, Colorado.

The attention of Synod was directed to the Reformed Mission at Denver, Colorado, and the missionary, Rev. Joseph A. Keller, made some interesting statements respecting the wants and prospects of the mission, after which pledges were given to the amount of about $200, for different charges and by individuals, and the mission was commended to the sympathy and liberality of the church.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, in the afternoon of the third day of the sessions, reported in item 14 that Miami Classis renewed its request, made as early as October 20, 1873, to Synod, to establish a Board of Sunday Schools. In accordance with this request, on motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the request of Miami Classis, in regard to the creation of a Board of Sunday Schools, be granted, and that the Board shall consist of six members, of whom two shall be elected annually, and hold their office for three years, to whom shall be intrusted the general Sunday-school interest within the bounds of the Ohio Synod.

Resolved, That the Board, to be elected, is hereby instructed to arrange suitable Sunday-school services, including the elements of religious devotion and the discussion of topics, and to appoint speakers for the occasion; and that at least one evening of the next annual meeting of Synod shall be occupied by these services.

The following persons were duly elected as members of

The Board of Sunday Schools.

Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., David Van Horne, for three years;
Revs. Henry M. Herman, Hiram Shumaker, for two years;
Revs. Peter C. Prugh, and John Kuelling, for one year.

ARTICLE XVIII.

ELECTION OF BOARDS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the afternoon session of the third day (Friday) of the sessions, presented their report through the Chairman, Rev. Henry F. Long. The report was received, amended, and adopted. The election was made the order of the day for Monday morning, immediately after the opening of Synod. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have the needed number of the nominations printed for the use of Synod. The election was held at the appointed time. Revs. Joseph A. Keller and Austin Henry, were appointed tellers, who, having distributed the printed tickets, received and counted the ballots, and subsequently, during the same session, reported the result. For the result of the Election, see Articles XIV., Theological Seminary; XV., Heidelberg College; XVI., Missions; XVII., Sunday Schools; XXIII., Publication.

ARTICLE XIX.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the sixth day (Monday) of the sessions, reported in item 24, that the St. John's Classis appealed to the General Synod against the action of the Ohio Synod at Wooster, in the matter of the Louisville congregation, Stark county, Ohio; and in item 25, that the same Classis complained against the omission of the action of the Ohio Synod in its printed Minutes, 1874, in reference to the Salem congregation; and that Revs. P. Greding and Dr. J. G. Zahner were appointed to defend said Classis on the floor of the General Synod.

In regard to these matters, the Synod adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod sees no reason for the complaint, as there is no evidence that the Stated Clerk did not make a faithful record in the matter.

Resolved, That Revs. S. B. Yockey, P. C. Prugh, and G. M. Albright, are hereby appointed to defend this Synod, in the matters referred to in said items, before the General Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred in regard to Complaints to be recorded.

ARTICLE XXI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Organization of Cincinnati and Kansas Classes.

The Committee on Overtures, at the opening of the morning session of the second day (Thursday) of the sessions, reported in item 1, that the Cincinnati Classis, organized March 8, 1875, officially requested this Synod to recognize the organization and sanction the proceedings, and admit its delegates to seats; and, in item 2, that the Classis of Kansas, having been organized April 14, 1875, according to the action and authority of the last Synod, requested this Synod to recognize the organization and ratify the proceedings, and admit its delegates to seats.

Moreover, the Committee on Minutes of Classis, at the opening of the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, reported in item 1, that Miami Classis had dismissed certain ministers and charges, for the purpose of organizing a German Classis, fixing the time and place to effect such organization, and appointing a person to preside at its organization.

These items were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Samuel B. Yockey, John R. Skinner, and Elder Lewis Keller. This committee, during the same afternoon session, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Special Committee to whom was referred all the papers bearing on the formation of new Classes within the bounds of the Ohio Synod, after examining all the papers coming into their hands, beg leave to report:

1. That the ministers, together with certain congregations, dismissed by Miami Classis, have formed themselves into a Classis to be styled the Cincinnati Classis, and that all the necessary constitutional conditions have been complied with; therefore,

Resolved, That the said proceedings be and are hereby confirmed by Synod.

2. That the Synod having authorized ministers and congregations in the States of Kansas, Missouri, and Colorado, to form themselves into a Classis, to be known as the Classis of Kansas,

it is found that these congregations and ministers have formed themselves into a Classis, as above named, complying with all the conditions of the constitution. We find this irregularity, that instead of meeting at Hiawatha, November 14, 1874, as directed by Synod, they met at Wathena, Kansas, April 14, 1875. Nevertheless, in view of the peculiar circumstances in the case, we recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the action respecting the formation of the Classis of Kansas is hereby confirmed by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

Thereupon, the credentials having been read, the names of Rev. John Heckman and Elder H. Wuenker were enrolled as delegates of Cincinnati Classis, and as such they took their seats during the afternoon session on Thursday.

And after reading his credentials, the name of Rev. Joseph A. Keller was enrolled as a delegate of the Classis of Kansas, and as such he took his seat during Thursday afternoon session.

St. John's Classis Dismissed to Synod of N. W.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the third day of the sessions, reported in item 15, that St. John's Classis (*a*) adhered to its plan of forming a German District Synod with adjoining Classes, and intended to agitate the subject until the desired end would be reached; and that it (*b*) renewed its request to be dismissed to the Synod of the North-west. These items were adopted, and the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That the St. John's Classis be and is hereby dismissed, to unite with the Synod of the North-west.

Ursinus Classis Dismissed to Synod of N. W.

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the Friday morning session, in item 12 (*d*) Ursinus Classis reiterated its request to be dismissed to the Synod of the North-west. In regard to this matter, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That Ursinus Classis be and is hereby dismissed, to unite with the Synod of the North-west.

Erasure of "English" from Title of Iowa Classis.

The committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the third day of the sessions, reported in item 11, (*c*) that the English Iowa Classis asked permission of Synod to drop the word "English" from its title. In regard to this request, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That permission be granted to the English Iowa Classis to drop the word "English," and that it be hereafter known by the title of *Iowa Classis*.

New Synod West of Ohio Conditionally Authorized.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during Friday morning session, reported in item 11, (*b*) that the Iowa Classis renewed its request to this Synod for the formation of a *new* Synod West of the State of Ohio. Concerning this request, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That as soon as a constitutional number of Classes unite in a request to have permission to organize a new Synod West of the State of Ohio, this Synod will entertain it.

Duty of Stated Clerks of Classes.

The following paper, requiring the Stated Clerks of Classes to furnish the Classical Reports on Religion and Morals to the retiring President of Synod, was submitted and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Synod has made it obligatory upon the retiring President to write out, in full, a report of the state of religion and morals within its bounds during the year of his official service; and,

WHEREAS, Under the present order of things it is impossible for a member of Synod, amidst the business and cares devolving upon a delegate, for him to give a full, accurate, and satisfactory report upon such an important and interesting subject; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod enjoins upon the Stated Clerks of the several Classes within its bounds, to furnish the President of Synod with a copy of the Report of Religion and Morals within at least three weeks before the annual meeting of Synod.

The Seal of Synod.

The Stated Clerk of Synod presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

I would hereby report, that, in accordance with the instruction of the last Synod (Min., p. 56), I had the title of the Synod so modified in the Seal, as to harmonize with the corporate title adopted, and as such, reads: "*The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*" The design, as a whole, remains the same as heretofore. But, as the face of the Seal was much damaged and imperfect, and in order to produce a good and substantial job, it was found necessary to reconstruct the Seal in all its parts, making it really a new Seal. It proves to work well, and to make a clear and distinct impression on paper. The cost was seven dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER.

Revision of Standing Rules of Synod.

On this subject, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to revise and improve the Standing Rules of Synod, and report to the next Synod.

The Committee consists of Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., David Van Horne, and William McCaughey.

Association for Relief of Ministers and Widows.

The following action, in regard to this matter, was adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That this Synod appoint a Committee of seven to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the establishment of an Association for the Relief of disabled or superannuated ministers needing support, and of widows or families of our deceased ministers as may need help, and report to the next Synod.

The committee consists of Revs. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., David Winters, D. D., Henry Williard, Oswald J. Aocola, and Elders Lewis A. Kemp and Lewis Keller.

Attendance of Delegates to Synod Required.

The following action in this matter was adopted:

Resolved, That the earnest attention of those Classes which were unrepresented, either in part or as a whole, at this meeting of Synod, is hereby directed to this delinquency by Syond, and all the Classes are urgently requested to enjoin their respective delegates to be punctual in their attendance upon the sessions of Synod, hereafter.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

I. Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

The Treasurer submitted his annual report, which was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance to be audited; and is as follows:

J. H. Good, *Treasurer, in account with the Ohio Synod.*

Amount received from June 1st, 1874, to April 15th, 1875, from the several Classes, as follows:

	Dr.
Miami Classis.	
Amount of old account per A. H. Baughman, Treasurer	$ 196 05
Bill of 1874, in full, " " "	159 70
Lancaster Classis.	
Balance of old account, per Rev. H. Williard, Treasurer	29 90
Bill of 1875, in part, " " "	56 90
Tuscarawas Classis.	
In full, per Hon. T. W. Chapman, Treasurer	90 78
Tiffin Classis.	
In full, per J. H. Good, Treasurer	83 88
St John's Classis.	
In full, per D. Zimmerman, Treasurer	65 94
Eastern Ohio Classis.	
In full, per J. Greenameier, Treasurer	83 40
English Iowa Classis.	
In full, per Rev. D. F. Fouse, Treasurer	25 79
Carried forward.	$ 792 34

Brought forward	$ 792 34
Ursinus Classis.	
On old account, per Rev. J. Rettig	37 69
Bill of 1875, in full, " "	16 31
St. Joseph's Classis.	
Bill of 1875, in full, per J. St. Clair, Treasurer	47 77
Shelby Classis.	
On old account, per S. P. Myers, Treasurer	25 00
(Northern) Illinois Classis.	
On old account, per J. Sechler, Treasurer	32 23
Bill of 1875, in part, " "	5 77
(Old) Illinois Classis.	
On old account, per S. P. Myers, Treasurer	26 00
Total receipts during the year	983 11
Balance on hand May 1st, 1874	251 32
	$1154 43

CONTRA.		Cr.
By amount paid W. D. Gross, Treasurer Gen. Synod, in full		$ 450 00
Rev. H. Kortheuer, expenses on Liturgical Committee		15 00
Sexton at Wooster Synod		10 00
Tickets for use of Synod		1 50
Rev. J. A. Smith, Illinois Delegate to Synod at Canton		10 00
Bill of Dr. I. H. Reiter, Stated Clerk:		
Semi-centennial blanks	$ 11 00	
Recording incorporation of Synod	2 00	
Printing 1400 Minutes of Synod	212 00	
Traveling expenses to Cincinnati	3 40	
R. R. express charges	1 80	
Postage stamps	11 18	
Wrapping paper, &c	5 50	
Seal for Synod	7 00	
Interest on money advanced	2 42	
Stated Clerk's fees for 1873 and 1874	80 00	
Stationery and postage	6 10	
		342 40
Rev. J. H. Derr, attendance on General Synod		12 00
Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., " " "		6 00
Postage and stationery for Treasurer		9 50
Total payments		$ 856 40
Balance in treasury, April 15th, 1875		378 03

INDEBTEDNESS TO SYNOD.

The several Classes are in arrears to Synod, as follows:

Lancaster Classis.

Balance due on bill of 1874	$ 10 00

Shelby Classis.

Balance on account of 1873	23 71
Bill of 1874	25 06

Illinois Classis.

Balance on bill of 1874	23 07
Total amount due Synod from the Classes	$ 81 84

THE DEBTS OF SYNOD.

The expenses for the year will be about	$ 250 00
A few small debts still outstanding	20 00
Assessment of General Synod of 1875, estimated	450 00
	$ 720 00

Respectfully submitted,

JER. H. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received, amended and, together with the Treasurer's report, adopted:

Your Committee on Finance submit the following report:

1. That we have examined the report of the Treasurer of Synod, and find it correct.

2. That the report reveals a delinquency on the part of the Classes of Lancaster, Shelby, and Illinois, to the amount of $81 84.

3. The attention of this Synod has been called to the fact, that the appropriation of $175, for the Church Extension Fund, made by the last Ohio Synod, in consequence of the action of the General Synod in 1872, was not properly understood by the members of the Ohio Synod, and whether, under all the circumstances in the case, this Synod should be required to pay any portion of the deficit in said Fund. (*See Min. Gen. Synod*, 1872, *page* 63, *and Min. Ohio Synod*, 1874, *page* 44.

We would recommend, in regard to the matters involved in this report, the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That the delinquent Classes be and are hereby urgently requested to pay all arrearages as soon as possible.

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod respectfully asks the General Synod to be relieved of the payment of the aforesaid appropriation, and that permission be granted to have the said amount paid into the Treasury of the Church Erection Board of the Ohio Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY HILBISH, *Chairman.*

III. Payment of Bills by Treasurer.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay $2 00 to the Stated Clerk for the printing of tickets for the use of Synod, and $10 00 to the Sexton of the Reformed church of Miamisburg, for services rendered during the sessions of Synod. Also the amounts still due on the publication of the English and German Liturgies, according to the action adopted by Synod under Article XXIII, Publication.

ARTICLE XXIII.

PUBLICATION.

I. Report of Board of Publication.

The Board of Publication elected by the Synod at its annual sessions at Wooster, 1874, beg leave respectfully to report:

The Board met in Cincinnati, at the beginning of the new year, and organized by electing Rev. D. Van Horne President, and Elder V. C. Tidball Secretary.

The interests and prospects of Synod's organ, the *Christian World*, were taken into consideration, and upon resolution, a circular was issued in the name of the Board, urging upon pastors and members of the Reformed Church an increase of effort for the circulation of the paper.

A second meeting of the Board was held in Dayton, on April 16th, but no business of importance was transacted.

In view of the fact that Synod has a special committee appointed to report on the matter ef founding a Printing Establishment, at this session, the Board has nothing further to suggest on that subject at present.

The Board would again express its satisfaction with the editorial management of the *Christian World*, and request the pastors and members of the yarious charges throughout the bounds of Synod to assist in the effort to increase its influence and circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE, *President.*

II. Report of Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with the preceding report of the Board, adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Publication, beg leave to report that no documents have come into their hands, except the one above referred to, from which we learn that they have carefully watched over the interest committed to their care. Your committee would, therefore, recommend that their report be adopted by Synod.

The Board has taken no action upon the establishment of a Printing and Publishing House, which it recommended last year, inasmuch as this Synod, one year ago, referred this whole interest to a special committee.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY H. SANDOE, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Board of Publication.

Revs. David Van Horne, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Peter C. Prugh, and Messrs Andrew H. Baughman and Valentine C. Tidball.

IV. Founding of a Printing Establishment.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod, in item 7, reported that a committee had been appointed by the last Synod to report to this Synod, in regard to the founding of a Printing Establishment. The Committee submitted their report, proposing a plan and the draft of a Constitution. After considerable discussion, the following action was adopted, as a substitute for the original report, namely:

Resolved, That this Synod appoint a Committee of eight persons, to whom this whole interest shall be intrusted for the year, with power to employ such measures as in their judgement will be calculated to secure the means necessary to start the enterprise as contemplated by Synod.

The Committee consists of Revs. Henry Hilbish, John M. Kendig, John J. Leberman, Theodore J. Bacher, Dr. Geo. W. Williard, and Elders John Wilhelm, Robert Bell, and John Christman.

V. Publication, Circulation, and Finances of Liturgy.

1. *German Liturgy.*

The Committee on Minutes of Synod, in items 8 and 9, reported that the Classes had been instructed to circulate the German and English Liturgies, and that the pecuniary responsibility and possible profits, respecting the printing and sale of the German Liturgy, were conditionally left to the Buch-Anstalt at Cleveland, but reverted, it would seem, to the Committee on the translation and publication of the German Liturgy. This Committee, in this connection, submitted the following financial statement:

THE COMMITTEE OF THE GERMAN LITURGY *in account with the Synods of Ohio and of the North-West of the Reformed Church.*

	DR.
For printing 1000 copies of the Liturgy	$ 528 58
" binding 400 " " cloth, @ 30c	120 00
" " 100 " " leather, @ 60c	60 00
" " 100 " " imit'n Morocco, @ 75c.	75 00
" boxing, drayage, etc	6 12
Int. on $600, from Nov. 10, 1874, to Mar. 31, 1875, @ 8 per cent.	18 41
Int. on $75, from Jan. 1, 1875, to Mar. 31, 1875	1 50
Total	$ 809 61
One half of this amount to be paid by the Ohio Synod	404 80
On this amount Rev. J. Kuelling advanced to the Ohio Synod	381 12

CONTRA.	CR.
Liturgies sold, 94 copies cloth, @ $1 50	$ 141 00
" " 41 " leather, @ $2 00	82 00
" " 5 " Morocco, @ $2 50	12 50
	$ 235 50
Of this, one-third off for the trade	78 17
	$ 157 33
Cost to March 31st, 1875	809 61
Proceeds from sale to March 31st, 1875	157 33
Leaves the two Synods in debt to the joint committee	$ 652 28
Of this amount is due to Rev. J. H. Klein, D. D., with int.	309 10
and to Rev. J. Kuelling, with int.	343 18

Your Committee would respectfully ask this Synod to make provision for the payment of the amount due to Rev. J. Kuelling as soon as possible, by authorizing its treasurer to borrow this sum, which is to be cancelled by the further sale of the Liturgy.

The remainder of the books is in Cleveland and Cincinnati, in charge of the joint committee, and we would also ask Synod to appoint its treasurer or some one else in connection with this Synod to superintend the further sale with the Synod of the North-West.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KUELLING,
HERMAN KORTHEUER. } *Committee.*

This statement, together with the aforesaid items, was adopted, and then, with the whole matter involved, referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. Joseph A. Keller, Charles W. Hoyman, and Elder Lewis A. Kemp. This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and abopted:

Your Committee on the subject of the German Liturgy has examined the Minutes of the Ohio Synod, and also those of the North-western Synod, and find:

1. That the North-western Synod, in the year 1870, adopted a resolution requesting the Synod of Ohio to co-operate with the North-western Synod in the *translation* and *publication* of the German Liturgy. The Ohio Synod responded to this request by *resolving*, "that we unite with the North-western Synod in bringing out the Western Liturgy in the German language, and that the Revs. Herman Kortheuer and John Kuelling be appointed members of the Committee." The later Minutes of the two Synods do not contain anything that bears materially on the subject in hand. The members of the Committee appointed by the Ohio Synod shared the labor of translation and publication to the close of the work.

Nothing appears on the Minutes of either Synod to show in what proportion this Synod should share in bearing the cost of publication, and in subsequent profits. Your Committee assumes, however, that each Synod is to bear half the expense, and receive half of the profits. This view is confirmed by the report under consideration.

2. In as far as your Committee has the means of ascertaining, the financial statement of the report is correct. The following resolutions, deduced from the preceding facts, are offered for adoption:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are heartily tendered to the Committee for their efficient and faithful labors rendered in the translation and publication of the German Liturgy.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be directed to pay to the Rev. J. Kuelling the sum of $343 18; and that he have authority to borrow this amount, if necessary.

Resolved, That Synod appoint a committee to superintend the further sale of the Liturgy in connection with the Synod of the North-west.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH A. KELLER, *Chairman.*

The Committee called for in the second resolution of the foregoing report consists of Revs. Samuel Mease, D. D., Geo. W. Williard, D. D., and John Kuelling.

2. *English Liturgy.*

The following report, in regard to the English Liturgy, was received and adopted:

Having been requested by the Synod one year ago to report respecting the publication of the Liturgy, I would state that the book was published according to instructions, and has had as wide a circulation as could have been expected. A request having been made by a number of persons to have Family Prayers added, a second edition was accordingly published in 1871, which contributed greatly to its sale. The expense incurred in its publication has not been fully met. This is owing to the fact that the publisher had too large an edition printed in the start, and put the wholesale price too low, according to the price of publication. This had made it necessary to pay interest from the time the book was published. The present debt is $354. As an offset to this, there are books in the hands of ministers to the amount of $200, and a sufficient number still on hand to pay the balance of the debt. The Synod should, however, at once provide for the payment of the above sum, and thus cancel the debt.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD.

In connection with the adoption of the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to pay Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D. the balance still due him on the publication of the English Liturgy, and, if necessary, borrow the money to this end.

VI. Certain duties required of the Stated Clerk.

The Stated Clerk submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

In regard to the several matters referred to in the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes, under item 6, and which imposed certain duties upon me as Stated Clerk, I would report:

a). That in regard to the blank Certificates of Licensure and Ordination, I can only report progress, and ask to be continued.

b). That the historical addresses delivered before the last Synod, as semi-centennial papers (by Dr. Reiter and Dr. Good), were not, as directed, embodied in the printed Minutes, nor published in separate pamphlet form. After the adjournment of Synod, there seemed to be some dissatisfaction with the action of Synod respecting the publication of the semi-centennial papers, and the expressed wishes of many were that, according

to the original proposition of the General Committee, *all* the said papers should be published in *book* form. It was therefore agreed to carry into effect the original proposition by individual enterprise, with such additional matter as might be suitable. This arrangement, which is to culminate in due course of time in a Semi-centennial Memorial Volume, it was believed, would give the most general satisfaction, and meet the wishes of the friends of the semi-centennial movement.

c). That as the Essays, which were read before the last Synod, on Foreign Missions, Church Extension, Beneficiary Education, and Christian Benevolence, were ordered to "be included among the semi-centennial papers," they were not published in the *Christian World*, but will also appear in the proposed Semi-centennial Memorial Volume.

d). That as Stated Clerk, and in accordance with instructions, I had 1,400 copies of the Minutes of the last Synod published in the usual form, and distributed among those entitled to receive them.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER.

VII. Publication of the Minutes of Synod.

The Synod adopted the following action:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1,400 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Report of Committee on Semi-Centennial Papers, &c.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod, during the afternoon session of the second day (Thursday) of the sessions, in item 10, reported that a Committee was appointed on semi-centennial papers and to report to this Synod. This Committee, during the morning session of the sixth day (Monday) of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed by the last Synod, to whom were to be referred all papers and reports of congregations and

charges having a bearing on the semi-centennial movement, would respectfully report:

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and that the matter to be reported upon impliedly includes three particulars, namely: 1) the general aspect of the movement as far as it has been carried out, 2) the papers presented, and 3) the free-will offerings made.

1. The general aspect of the semi-centennial movement, when brought under brief review, indicates that the most of the Classes adopted proper and favorable action; that many of the pastors and congregations within the bounds of Synod regarded the occasion with appropriate religious services, and observed the last Sunday in the year 1874 as a day of thanksgiving and praise; that, in many instances, important historical events pertaining to the interests of the Reformed Church were reviewed with profit, while pleasant reminiscences loomed up to cheer the heart; that the movement, as a whole, has led to a more earnest study and a clearer knowledge of the history of the Ohio Synod and of the Reformed Church in the West; and that there is great cause for cherishing the memory of our *pioneer fathers*, and for gratefully remembering that it is largely owing to their self-denial and toil that we as a Church are enabled to rejoice in our present inheritance, prosperity and enjoyment.

2. The preparation of papers and reports of congregations and charges, as well as the furnishing of historical material, has been attended to in part, but not as generally as desired. This, on the one hand, is perhaps owing to some degree of indifference and neglect, and, on the other, to the fact that many of the congregations through their respective pastors or officers prepared similar papers during the Tercentenary Movement in 1863, and therefore regarded the work as unnecessary or superfluous. It is not deemed necessary to give a detailed statement here of the papers received, but they, according to synodical direction, will be arranged and deposited in the Theological Seminary Library at Tiffin. And all such papers, held either by persons or congregations, should at once be forwarded to the undersigned.

3. The giving of free-will offerings, as appears from the few papers furnished, and also from the Reports of the Treasurers of the several Boards of Synod, was made in many congregations a part of the observance of the semi-centennial anniversary; but as, in the most of cases, the amounts contributed have not been reported to the Committee, it is difficult to arrive at a definite conclusion respecting the general aggregate of the semi-cetennial fund, and the particular amounts appropriated to the several objects designated. There were, however, liberal contributions made and the money properly applied, with fair prospects of good results.

Moreover, it must be borne in mind, that the movement from the start was designed to be in its nature and intention historical, commemorative and religious, rather than of a financial character. Under this aspect, the movement has proved successful and accomplished a good end. Hence, with gratitude for the realization of the Divine favor in the past and for the encouragement of the present, let us, with trust in God, be inspired with courage and hope respecting the future. Let the work assigned us in "our day and generation" be done with fidelity and dispatch. Let us hope and pray for the prosperity of Zion, and for the revelation of great results fifty years hence, when the labors of the intervening years shall be brought under review in the light and research of the activities and rejoicings of the centennial anniversary of the Ohio Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC. H. REITER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Vote of Thanks.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod returns its thanks to the membership of the Reformed Church at Miamisburg, and also to the community in which the Synod held its sessions, for the generous hospitality with which its members have been entertained, and that we invoke the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon them.

Resolved, That this be read from the pulpit of the Reformed Church, and published in the "Miamisburg Bulletin."

The calling of the roll having been dispensed with, the Minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we as a Synod adjourn to meet in annual sessions in the Reformed Church at Canal Winchester, Franklin county, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 17th of May, A. D. 1876, at half past seven o'clock in the evening.

The Synod adjourned, on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with singing, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, prayer by Rev. David Van Horne, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

HENRY M. HERMAN, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Addendum.

The Minutes of Illinois Classis were not received by Synod during its present sessions, but after the first form of Synod's Minutes was made up, several items of the proceedings of said Classis, together with its statistical report, were received by mail from the Stated Clerk. At his request, though not officially received and sanctioned, the statistical report is inserted at the proper place, and the said items are here appended, namely:

Illinois Classis licensed Mr. Ottmar Esselborn, and dismissed Rev. Andrew Schroeder to the Presbyterian Church; and will meet in annual session in Lancaster church, Rock Grove charge, Illinois, October —, 1875, at 7 p. m. Rev. D. Lantz, President; Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst, Stated Clerk; Rev. Joseph Sechler, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations	CHARGES.	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificate	Communicants	Erasures	Excommunicated	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday-school Scholars	Contributions for Benevolence	Contingent Contributions	Minutes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
David Winters, D. D.	4	Mt. Zion	600	160	26	60	10	525	6		26	10	4	260	$ 230 00		24	Dayton, O.
Vacant	1	Cæsar's Creek	70	40	1	1		70				1	1	35	35 00		8	Xenia, Greene Co., O.
Samuel B. Yockey	2	Xenia and Beaver	255	50	9	27	1	230			1	2	2	200	347 75		12	" " " "
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	1	Miamisburg (1)	220	150	29	8	13	160				6	1	150	305 00		15	Miamisburg, O.
George Z. Mechling	2	Hamilton	68	35	9	6	4	60	7		1	3	2	175	25 00		1	Hamilton, O.
Henry M. Herman	3	West Alexandria	392	120	27	24	12	350	1		2	7	3	360	270 01		20	West Alexandria, Preble Co., O.
David Van Horne	1	1st Church, Dayton	260	50	8	4	10	180	3	1	3	5	1	145	163 00	$ 2000 00	10	Dayton, O.
Peter C. Prugh	1	Church of the Cross, Cin.	83	38	19	18	4	65	4			5	1	200	100 00	2000 00	5	Cincinnati, O.
William McCaughey	1	Greenville (2)	71		15	5	16	60			2		1	55			1	Miamisburg, O.
Jesse Richards	3	St. Paris	180	60	24	27	18	165	18		9	17	3	200	61 00		10	St. Paris, O.
Jacob M. LeFevre	2	Fairfield	120		7		2	120			5	3	2	200	30 00	1250 00	7	Fairfield, Greene Co., O.
Levi Rike	2	Farmersville	248	115	22	14	13	180			1	5	2	150	51 26	200 00	10	Farmersville, O.
Hiram Shaull	4	Union	250	50	4	4	5	240			6	2	4	300	93 00	643 00	10	North Hampton, Clark Co., O.
Vacant	2	Sidney	72	32	6	5	6	70	2		3	4	1	70	90 00	400 00	5	Sidney, Shelby Co., O.
"	2	Bloom Centre	67	49	5	7	4	40	3		2	2	1	80	150 00	300 00	5	" " " "
John Stuck	4	Mt. Pleasant	160	103	18	23	8	150	31		21	8	4	308	57 00		1	Hillgrove, Darke Co., O.
Jacob Weaver	2	Salem's	36		4	1	1	32							8 00		5	Sidney, Shelby Co., O.
Hiram Shumaker	2	Springboro	128	81	15	10	5	105	4			2	2	130	147 98	1300 00	3	Springboro, Warren Co., O.
Adam Hawker	2	Mt. Carmel	140	40	13	12	18	120			1	2	2	140	24 60		15	Dayton, O.
Charles W. Good	2	Germantown	126	50	9	11	7	115		1		1	1	150	40 00		10	Germantown, O.
Thomas H. Winters	2	Highland	90	40	1			90					2	80			5	Xenia, Greene Co., O.
Jacob M. LeFevre (sup.)	2	Bethel	70	75	4	2		70				1	1	60	18 00		3	Fairfield, Greene Co., O.
	3	New Madison (3)	137	49									4	200			5	New Madison, Darke Co., O.
Vacant	3	Bradford	50	20			11	40										Bradford, Darke Co., O.
"	2	Elk C'k and Winchester	50										1	35				
Total, 23	55		3943	1407	275	209	178	3237	79	2	83	86	47	3673	$2,246 00	$5,618 00	190	

John Pence, without charge, Tremont, Clarke Co., O.
Samuel Mease, D. D., Editor *Christian World*, 178 Elm St., Cincinnati, O.
Sol. K. Denius, superannuated, Camden, Preble Co., O.
Christian Berents, " Grandview, O.
Richard B. Reichard, Greenville, Darke Co., O.

1. Taken charge by Rev. Wm. McCaughey, April 1. 2. Taken charge by Rev. R. B. Reichard, Nov. 1874. 3. Served by Rev. Lewis M. Kerschner.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations	Charges.	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunications or Erasure of Names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday-school Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	Minutes	Post-office Address.
Charles W. Hoyman	4	Somerset	337	331	13	5	7	323		4	2	4	340	$2015 00	20	Somerset, Ohio.
George H. Leonard	2	Basil	316	120	16	14	14	280	13	2	3	2	320	172 00	12	Basil, "
John Vogt	1	Delaware	196	107	17	10	1	191			3	1	123		10	Delaware, "
William Gilpin	3	Union	210		3	10	4	160		2	3	3	318	118 00	8	Baltimore, "
John C. Henneman	6	Jackson	270	201	48	26	5	208		10				62 60	2	Beaver, Pike Co., "
Siegfried Thomas	1	Ironton	131	120	9	8	7	106	4	13	5	1	72			Ironton, "
William A. Hale	2	Lancaster	306		16	34	2	270	4	8	2	2	300		4	Lancaster, "
Silas P. Mauger	4	Winchester	219	180	5		1	170			2	4	310	88 14	20	Canal Winchester, "
James Heffley	4	Jerusalem and Union	80		5	5	13	75				4				" " "
Austin Henry	2	Kinnickinnick	104		5		2	86		2	4	2		89 65	12	Kingston, "
C. F. Wm. Stechow	5	Beaver	175		11			150			5	5	250		5	Beavertown, Pike Co.
Henry King		No charge														Baltimore, "
Henry Williard (sup.	1	Galion														Lancaster, "
Peter D. Schory		No charge														Lancaster, "
Vacant	4	Tarlton	120													
Total, 14	39		2464	1059	148	112	56	2019	21	41	29	28	2022	$2545 39	93	

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations	Charges.	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Excommunications or Erasure of Names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday-school Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	Minutes	Classis' B. Students	Post-office Address
Samuel B. Leiter, D.D.	4	Union	230	236	35	9	2	230			5	2	150	$ 44 84	20		Wadsworth, Ohio.
Nathaniel H. Loose	3	Shelby	185	130	6	2	1	180	12	4	4	3	175	75 00	10		Shelby, "
Sebastian C. Goss	4	Wadsworth	236	96	8	6	5	226	10	8	5	4	300	158 41	15		Wadsworth, "
Henry F. Long	4	Tuscarawas	211	138	15	14		211		1	3	2	200	86 40	20		Massillon "
Michael Loucks	1	Grace Ref. Ak'n	80	55	11	11	19	90	25	1	9	1	90	149 00	10		Akron, "
Jesse Steiner	3	Reedsburg	115	68	2		1	100				2			20		West Salem, "
Peter J. Spangler	2	Summit	80					80		20		2	160	24 78	6		Lake, Stark Co., "
John R. Shepler	2	East Union	106		6		3	75			2	1	150	75 00	6		Nimisila, "
Henry H. Sandoe	3	Mohicanville	156	56	3	1		150			6	2	150	50 00	20		Mohicanville, "
Casper Scheel	4	Uniontown	220	194	14	12		163		8	3	3	250	50 00	12		Lake, Stark Co., "
	2	Manchester	100	50				38									Nimisila, "
Frederick Strassner	2	Bristol	80	100	8			75			1	1	75	27 55	4		Orrville, "
George H. Albright	5	Shenandoah	173	83	13	13		173			1	4	200		10		Polk, Ashland Co., O.
Edmund Erb	3	Navarre	96	40	1			70			1	3	200	22 80	6		Navarre, "
Josephus F. Sponseller	2	Canaan	98	60	2			80	10		2	1	45	46 80	5		Canaan, "
Edward Herbruck	2	Canton	150		35	27	23	120	1	3	1	2	141	49 00	10		Canton, "
Jesse Hines (sup)	1	Emanuel's	29					29			1	1	51	7 05	4		Reedsburg, "
Vacant	5	Mansfield Mis'n															
John C. Klar (1)																	Navarre, "
Jeremiah M. Mickley (2)																	Camp Apache, Arizona
Total, 18	52		2315	1216	159	99	51	2090	58	45	44	34	2527	$867 63	178		

(1.) Supplies Congregations in St. John's Classis.

(2.) Missionary among the Apachees, in Arizona.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers	Congregations	Charges	Members	Unconfirmed Members	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Erasures	Excommun's	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday-schools	Sunday-school Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	Min. of Synod	Post-office Address.
Jer. H. Good, D. D.		Prof. Theolog'cal Sem.															Tiffin, Ohio
Reuben Good		Prof. Heidelberg Coll.															" "
Geo. W. Williard, D. D.		Prof. Heidelberg Coll.															" "
Herman Rust, D. D.		Prof. Theolog'cal Sem.															" "
Lewis H. Kefauver	1	First Tiffin	279	183	7	8	4	244			9	8	1	200	$177 38	15	" "
Soloman Ream	3	Heidelberg	132	115				110	12		2	3	2	134	5 36	15	Findlay, "
C. A. Von Domenden	2	New Bavaria	301	156	31	15	4	255	6			2	2	135	90 09	5	New Bavaria, "
" (sup)	2	Florida	68	39	5	9	2	46	9			2			3 06		" " "
Theo. J. Bacher	2	Fremont	130	87	120	24	2	101			1	3	2	120	14 00	5	Fremont, "
Jonas Michael	4	Liberty Centre	95	59	9	2	17	65			2	1	2	100	6 02	8	Liberty Centre "
Wm. B. Sandoe	2	Zion	230	142	15		3	126				3	1	75	20 94	10	West Lodi, "
Joshua H. Derr	2	Bellevue	180	130	11	16	14	174				4	1	130	50 00	25	Bellevue, "
Lewis Richter	2	Fostoria	60	45	3			27				1	1	40	8 00	8	Fostoria, "
" (sup)	2	Berwick	110	65	7			108				1			25 00	10	" "
James T. Hale	2	Ada	84	161	17	3	4	84				2	2	225	7 26	5	Ada, "
John H. Stepler (sup)	1	Bloomville	82														Bloomville "
Vacant	3	Findlay	196	224	7	15	2	114		2		6			42 84	5	Findlay, "
Peter Tendick		Invalid															Tiffin, "
Wm. H. Fenneman		Without charge															Bluffton, Indiana
John H. Beck																	Corydon, Indiana
Dr. Rust (sup)	1	Second Tiffin	235	104	23	28	14	235	15		3	10	1	155	131 72	8	Tiffin, Ohio
Dr. Willliard (sup)	3	Fort Seneca	130	65	10	7	3	125				2	3	180	70 00	10	" "
Dr. Good (sup)	1	St. Jacobs	41	35	11			40					1	35	12 00	10	" "
Total. 16	33		2353	1610	276	127	69	1854	42	2	17	48	19	1449	$663 67	139	

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Ministers	Congregations	Charges	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Excom'cations	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	Minutes	Post-office Address.
Peter Herbruck, D. D.	1	Canton	500		65	28	38	500			37	1	250	$220 00	10	Canton, Stark Co., Ohio
Christopher Schiller	1	Akron	221	270	34	21	2	221			9	1	147	56 50	12	Akron, Summit " "
D. Kæmmerer, D. D.	1	Apple Creek	80	30	10			68				1	40	10 86	5	Wooster, Wayne " "
John G. Zahner, D. D.	2	Shanesville	180		14	38		160			9	2	74	42 50		Shanesville, Tusc. " "
Ernest F. A. Schade	2	Alliance	131	121	12			121		3	1	2	106	160 25	1	Malvern, Carroll " "
Philip Becker	2	Mt. Eaton	348	255	13	19		340		6	13	1	160	22 84	8	Mt. Eaton, Wayne " "
Henry K. Zink		Oldtown	300		36	22	2				14	3	100	23 60	1	Stonecreek, Tusc. " "
Peter Greding	3	N. Philadelphia	260		26	29	4	250			32	3		65 00	3	New Philadelphia "
Frederick Schaad	3	Ragersville	518	600	67	22		460		3	15	3	285	72 25	10	Ragersville, Tuc. " "
John A. Novinger	2	New Bedford	275	200	62	42	1	225		1	17	2	150	50 00	6	New Bedford, Cosh. " "
John M. Grether	3	Peace Charge	260	154	31	14	46	228	2		7	3	125	47 35	10	Hartville, Stark " "
	1	Orrville (4	143	175	18	28	23	120		12	8	1	173	50 00		Orrville, Wayne " "
Henry Hilbish (1	1	Wooster	170	125	20	5		125		3	4	1	150		15	Wooster, Wayne " "
		Osnaburg (5	140		5	16		131			4	1		23 00	4	
Vacant (2	2	Mt. Eaton (Fr)	180		7			60				1	60			Mt. Eaton, Wayne " "
Herman Kortheuer													100	75 00		Massillon, Stark " "
Vacant (3	1	St. Jacob	105		7			71		2		1	60	75		
George W. Henning	1	St. Paul	23	27	3	4		22				1		9 00	5	Canton, Stark " "
		Mineral Point (6														
		St. Peter (7														
Frederick Griese		Licentiate														
Total. 14.	28		3834	1957	435	304	116	3233	2	30	170	28	1980	$928 90	90	

1.) Lately taken charge. 2.) Supplied by Rev. J B. Muraire. 3.) Supplied by Rev. C. Scheel. 4.) Supplied by Rev. F. Strassner.
5.) Supplied by Rev. Herbruck. 6.) Supplied by Rev. J. C. Klar. 7.) Supplied by Rev. G. W. Henning.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Ministers	Congregations	Charges	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Erasures	Excom'cations	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday-school Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	Contingent Contributions	Minutes	Post-office Address	
George M. Albright	2	New Lisbon	240	85	8	9		155			1		1	80	$131 62	$ 900 00	20	New Lisbon	Ohio
Henry Hilbish 1)	2	Mt. Olivet	278	145	20	5		225			3	4	2	250	122 75	1100 00	25	North Lima	"
John Meckley	3	Springfield	358	205	36	22		287			6	12	1	230	95 69	600 00	9	Petersburgh	"
John M. Kendig	1	Columbiana	156	67	4			111			2		1	160	83 37	900 00	15	Columbiana	"
" " "	1	Leetonia Miss.	18		4	8	10	17							12 50	100 00	4	"	"
John J. Leberman	2	Louisville	350	100	44	32	12	164			2	1	1	275	62 51	3000 00	25	Louisville	"
John Biery 1)	1	Youngstown	44	38	5	8	6	34	1			1	1	25	45 00	325 00	5	Youngstown	"
Edward H. Otting	4	Warren	100	37	5	14	2	125				5	2	45	26 09	600 00	10	Warren	"
John B. Zumpe	3	Canfield	290	176	19		4	219				8	3	150	40 00	700 00	15	Canfield	"
Michael A. Miller	2	Carrollton	369	97	58	83	5	305	4	1	4	6	2	285	160 52	1200 00	10	Carrollton	"
Jeremiah Heller	1	Jefferson	100	45	3	1	1	77	7		1	1	1	90	19 00	1012 00	10	Germano	"
Vacant 2)	3	Georgetown 4)	240	140				223					2	146	38 11		10	Georgetown	"
Thomas Ferrell		Without Charge															1	Carrollton	"
Charles Zwisler 3)		Superannuated																	
Total, 11.	25		2538	1135	206	182	40	1942	12	1	19	34	19	1736	$837 16	$8073 00	101		

1.) Dismissed to St. John's Classis, 2.) Served by Rev. W. H. Wittenwieler, pastor elect. 3.) Died September 19, 1874. 4.) Report of last year.

Students.—Geo. H. Albright; F. J. Sourbier; D. Sheibenberger; Amos Casselman; John H. Albright.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers	Congregations	Charges	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Excom'cations	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	Minutes	Post-Office Address	
Daniel Lantz	2	Foreston	70		16	1		64			1	2		$ 5 15	5	Foreston,	Illinois
Isaac A. Sites	4	Rock Grove	65	30	3	4	6	55		1	1	2	40	137 80	5	Dakota,	"
C. G. A. Hullhorst	4	Orangeville	60		3			60			1	3			5	Orangeville,	"
John Kercher (1)	2	Washburn	145	130				100				1	60		5	Lacon,	"
Andrew Schroeder (2)	1	Freeport	66	56	6	14		50	1		4	1	50	10 00	5	Freeport,	"
Joseph Sechler		No Charge														Lena,	"
Henry Aurand		No Charge														Warren,	"
Ottmar Essellborn		Licentiate															
Total. 7.	13		410	225	28	19	6	229	1	1	7	9	150	$142 95	25		

1. Last year's report. 2. Dismissed to Presbyterian Church, and charge served by Rev. J. Wernly.

SHELBY CLASSIS.

Ministers	Congregations	Charges	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	Minutes	Post - Office Address
Harvey Wilson (1	2	Shelby (2	71								2	80	$	10	Shelbyville, Illinois
Simon P. Myers	1	Center	20		10	3	6	20			1	55		5	" "
John A. Smith	4	Anna	98	55	20	30			2	10	3	140	60 00	4	Anna, "
Henry H. Sandoe (1	3	Mt. Zion	113	103	22	6	5	95	1	3	2	140	27 00	4	Mohicanville, Ohio
Daniel K. Fulcason	2	Elm Grove	26	35	2	2		19			1	35	3 00	10	Windsor, Illinois
Lewis M. Kerschner (1	3	Altamont (2	79		10	3	3	60		1	3			7	New Madison, Ohio
Total. 6.	13		407	193	64	44	14	194	3	14	10	370	$90 00	40	

1. Resigned. 2. Supplied by Rev. S. P. Myers.

IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers	Congregations	Charges	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Excom'cations	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	Minutes	Post-Office Address
Fred. C. Bauman	3	Harmony	197	205	13	12	8	165		12		2	125	$168 54	4	Zwingle, Dubuque Co., Iowa
Joshua Riale	1	Blairstown	53	54	5	11	2	48		2		1	75	125 00	2	Blairstown, Benton " "
Dewald S. Fouse	4	Tipton	112	71	9	6	9	105	1	2	2	2	60	106 24	4	Lisbon, Linn " "
Cyrus Cort	3	Brandon	110	83	18	6	6	105	5		2	1	30	245 60	1	Vinton, Benton " "
Jonas B. Shontz	2	Wilton & Clifton	168	118	9	7	21	164	3	2	2	2	120	156 13	5	Wilton, Muscatine " "
David P. Lefever	2	Boulder	65	42	4	1	1	60		1	2	1	60	110 43	3	Central City, Linn " "
Jacob B. Welty	2	Maquoketa	55	65	6	6	2	35		1	1	2	105	12 63	4	Maquoketa, Jackson " "
George Weber	1	Powshiek	24	20	8	2	12	14						2 50	1	Blairstown, Benton " "
Jacob Kuhn		Without Charge												2 50	1	Dutch Cr'k, Wash'ton " "
Total.	9	18	784	638	71	51	60	696	9	19	9	11	575	$928 44	23	

URSINUS CLASSIS.

Ministers	Congregations	Charges	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Excom'cations or erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	Contingent Contributions	Minutes	Post-Office Address
John H. Buser	3	Clifton	100		12	20	8		5	10	2			$	$	1	Cone, Muscatine Co. Iowa
John E. Young		Orono														1	" " " "
John Rettig	2	Wheatland	192	185	40	23	10	180			4	2	135	110 00	25 00	1	Wheatland, Iowa " "
George Rettig	2	Monticello	40	70	29	2		60			1	1	60	17 25	100 00	1	Monticello, Jones " "
C. E. W. Beyer	1	St. Paul	23		3		2				1	1				1	Boone, Boone " "
William Feige	2	Marengo	80	66	14	12		50			1	2	44	9 00	40 00	1	Marengo. "
Solomon Elliker	1	Bethania	78	68	14	5	20	64				1	32	180 50	140 00	1	Newton, Jasper " "
Total, 7.	11		522	389	112	62	40	354	5	10	9	7	271	$317 84	$305 00	7	

ST. JOSEPH'S CLASSIS.

Ministers	Congregations	Charges	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Erasures	Excom'cations	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	Minutes	Post-Office Address
Henry Bair	2	Zion's Mission	63	42	3	4		50			7	2	1	75	$ 6 92	3	Millersburg, Elkhart Co., Ind
Samuel Z. Beam	1	First Ev. Ref. Ch.	96	49	7	6	9	85			4	3	1	60	50 00	10	Fulton, Kalamazoo Co., Mich
Jacob Burkholder	4	Clay Pool Mission	102	88	5	13		80				2	2	100	5 00	3	Denver, Ind
Andrew Butt	3	Bunker Hill	92	30	7	8	5					1	3	333	27 78	3	Montpelier, Williams Co., O
John D. Gehring	2	Bristol	82	63	13	10	10	42				3	1	47	2 50	5	Bristol, Elkhart Co.' Ind
Wm. G. Hackman	2	Colon	110	130	9	12	4	90				6	1	70	16 70	5	Burr Oak, Mich
Daniel Kroh	1	Neriah	26	14	2	1		20					1	26		1	Erie, Monroe Co., Mich
John G. Kissell (1	2	Springfield	107	169	19	10		107				3	1		7 00	1	South Whitby, Ind
John Naille	4	Emanuel	170	96	28	10		160				9	1	96	9 00	5	Bluffton, Wells Co., Ind
David H. Reiter		Without Charge														1	Berrien Springs, Mich
John R. Skinner	3	Winamac	130	72	7	3		80	5		5	6	2	100	32 60	12	Winamac, Ind
Jesse Schlosser (2	2	Three Rivers	144	75	13	34	13	137			2	2	1	100	20 00	5	Three Rivers, Mich
Elias Spangler	1	Farmer	18	5	2	1	2	18		1		1	1			1	Edgerton, Williams Co., O
Peter J. Spangler	4	Marshall (3	171	145	13		7	165			1	3	3	281		5	Plymouth, Ind
Edwin R. Williard	3	White Pigeon	63	35	4	1	6	57				1	2	70	2 80	5	White Pigeon, Mich
Vacant	4	Union (4	177	157	11	5		158			2	3	1	60	3 44	5	Waterloo, De Kalb Co., Ind
Total, 13	38		1551	1180	143	119	56	1249	5	1	21	45	22	1418	$183 74	70	

1. Died October 27, 1874. 2. Died January 14, 1875. 3. Taken charge by Rev. Casper Scheel. 4. Taken charge by Rev. Wm. H. Fenneman.

CINCINNATI CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations	Charges.	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Erasures	Excom'cations	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	Minutes	Post-office Address
Oswald J. Accola	1	2d Church, Dayton	220	150	6	12	10	164				1	1	135	$123 05	1	Dayton, Ohio
John Kuelling	1	1st Church, Cin'ti	490	360	45	22	21	350	2		3	10	1	200	140 00	10	Cincinnati, "
John Heckman	1	Salem Ref. Ch., "	725		105	64	57	725				42	1	325	344 00	10	" "
Fred. W. Berleman	1	Millville	125	75	10	9	1	115			2	5	1	80	50 50	3	Hamilton, "
Bernhard R. Huecker	1	Covington, Ky	198	129				178					1	110		1	Covington, Kentucky
	2	Brown Co. Mission	105										2	120		1	
George J. Reiche																	Rising Sun, Indiana
Total, 6.	7		1863	724	166	107	89	1532	2		5	58	7	970	$657 55	26	

KANSAS CLASSIS.

Ministers	Congregations	Charges.	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Excom'cations, or erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	Contingent Contributions	Minutes	Post-Office Address
Joseph A. Keller	1	Denver Mission	30	29	15		20	19			2	1	40			5	Denver, Colorado.
Vacant	2	Brown Co., Kansas	†22									‡				8	
Charles J. Wieser	4	Wathena	161	218	22			89			8	2	97			4	Wathena, Kansas.
John A. Nicolai	1	Turkey Creek	104		8	19	48	54			2	1				3	Abilene, "
J. V. Lerch	1	Ravenna Mission	14	6							3					4	Princeton, Missouri.
Total. 4.	9		331	253	45	19	68	162			15	4	137			19	

† Estimated. ‡ Two Union Sunday Schools not reported.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

THE OHIO SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Names of Classes	Ministers	Congregations	Members	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communicants	Excom'cations, or erasure of names	Dismissed	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Benevolent Contributions	Contingent Contributions	Minutes	Students for the Ministry
Miami	23	55	3943	1407	275	269	178	3237	81	83	86	47	3673	$ 2246 00	$ 5618 00	190	5
Lancaster	14	39	2464	1059	148	112	56	2019	21	41	29	28	2033	2545 39		93	2
Tuscarawas	18	52	2345	1216	159	99	51	2090	58	45	44	34	2527	867 63		178	
Tiffin	16	33	2353	1610	276	127	69	1854	42	17	48	19	1449	663 67		139	
St. John's	14	28	3834	1957	435	304	116	3233	2	30	170	28	1980	928 90	4305 00	90	5
Eastern Ohio	11	25	2538	1135	206	182	40	1942	13	19	34	19	1736	837 16	8073 00	161	4
Northern Illinois	7	13	410	225	28	19	6	329	1	1	7	9	150	142 95		25	
Shelby	6	13	407	193	64	44	14	194		3	14	10	370	90 00		40	
Iowa	9	18	784	638	31	51	60	696	9	19	9	11	575	928 44		25	
Ursinus	7	11	522	389	112	62	40	354	5	10	9	7	271	317 84	305 00	7	
St. Joseph's	13	38	1551	1170	143	119	56	1249	6	21	45	22	1418	183 74		70	
Cincinnati	6	7	1863	724	166	107	89	1532	2	5	58	7	970	657 55		26	
Kansas	4	9	331	253	45	19	68	162			15	4	137			19	
Ohio Synod 13 Classes	148	341	23345	11976	2095	1514	843	18891	240	294	572	246	17289	10419 27	18301 00	1063	16
N. W. " 8 "	108	176	14070	11257	1603	1113	718	11636	114	336	429	140	5679	8887 44			5
U. S. " 8 "	175	424	63116	35231	5549	3589	1215	49137	18	635	2140	440	27917	40390 11	173563 05		42
Pittsburg " 5 "	60	122	9864	8943	972	711	388	8302	7	165	257	73	4578	13462 40	51199 55		10
Potomac " 6 "	103	247	25108	16046	1617	1270	369	22309	2	218	606	217	12387	11416 09			31
East. Ger. " 4 "	29	31	6615	4223	1771	569	200	6088	6	150	503	32	4355	4491 83	26958 00		3
Total: 6 Syn's; 44 Classes	623	1341	142118	87666	13607	3766	3733	116363	387	1798	4507	1148	72205	$88117 09	$270021 60		107

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FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, which convened in the Reformed Church at Canal Winchester, Franklin County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of May, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and closed its sessions on the following Monday evening at half-past ten o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened according to official appointment in annual sessions, and, after singing and prayer, in the absence and by the special request of the President, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. Isaac H. Reiter D. D., from Rom. i. 7, and 1 John i. 3: "*Beloved of God, called to be saints*" . . . "*that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.*" Then the Synod, having been called to order by the Stated Clerk, without proceeding to organize, adjourned until half-past eight o'clock on Thursday morning, when Rev. George W. Williard, D. D., was appointed President *pro tem.*, and the Synod proceeded to effect a permanent organization.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Miami.	Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Hiram Shaull. Peter C. Prugh.[1] Samuel Mease, D. D.[2] David Winters, D. D.[3]	William Nieble. Andrew H. Baughman.
Lancaster.	William A. Hale.[4] George H. Leonard.	Ezra Jackson. John W. Bishop.
Tuscarawas.	Sebastian C. Goss. Theodore J. Bacher.[5] Jeremiah M. Mickly,	Robert Kerr. John Bolender. Thos. W. Chapman.
Tiffin.	Lewis H. Kefauver. Geo. W. Williard, D. D.,	Frank Slaymaker.
St. John's	Henry Hilbish. Jonathan A. Novinger.	John Wilhelm.
Eastern Ohio	John M. Kendig. John J. Leberman.	Robert Bell.
N. Illinois.	No delegates present.	
Shelby.	No delegates present.	
Iowa.	No delegates present.	
St. Joseph's.	Wm. H. Fenneman. Edwin R. Williard. John R. Skinner.	John H. App.

1. He as delegate *secundus* during Friday sessions, occupied the seat of Rev. Dr. D. Winters *primarius*, and that of Rev. J. Stuck, *primarius*, during the remainder of the sessions.
2. He took his seat, as *secundus* of Rev. J. M. LeFevre, at the opening of Friday morning's session.
3. He took his seat just before adjournment on Friday afternoon's session, superseding Rev. P. C. Prugh, *secundus*.
4. His seat was occupied for awhile after the opening of the morning's session on Thursday by Rev. A. Henry, *secundus*.
5. His seat was occupied during the first hour of the morning session on Friday by Rev. F. Strassner, *secundus*

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Cincinnati.	Oswald J. Accola. John Bachman.	John W. Keller.
Kansas.	John A. Nicolai.	John H. Moyer.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From Miami Classis.—Revs. Samuel B. Yockey, Lewis M Kerschner, Richard B. Reichard, Jonathan C. Beade.

From Lancaster Classis.—Revs. Henry King, Silas P. Mauger, Austin Henry, James Heffley, Michael Loucks, Charles W. Hoyman, Jacob Klingler.

From Tuscarawas Classis.—Rev. Fred. Strassner.

From Tiffin Classis.—Rev. Joshua H. Derr, Elder Lewis Keller.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Henry J. Schuh, Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Rev. William C. Holliday, Methodist Episcopal "
Rev. David A. Johnston, United Brethren "

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. John M. Kendig, *Corresponding Secretary*, Columbiana, Ohio.
Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Committee appointed by the last Synod on the revision of the Standing Rules of Synod, to which reference is made in the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes in item 6, presented their report, which was read and is as follows:

The Committee appointed in 1875 to revise and improve the "Standing Rules of Synod," would respectfully report:

That they, after due examination, found that the old rules, adopted in 1850, were not sufficiently full in scope and detail to admit of a mere revision, and, therefore, they availed themselves of material drawn from the best published sources, and in a great measure produced a new code of rules. These rules, after considerable research and critical comparison, have been carefully prepared, and arranged under appropriate headings, with the view of simplification and convenience of reference.

Moreover, with the design of bringing into full harmony the arranged order of the printed Minutes of Synod, with the order of business proposed in these rules, the Committee have also prepared a corresponding *Lemmata*. And these Rules of Order, together with the annexed *Lemmata*, are herewith submitted and recommended to Synod for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

RULES OF ORDER.

The Organization of Synod.

ARTICLE I. The business of every session shall be opened with singing and prayer, or an invocation; and every session shall be closed with appropriate religious services.

ART. II. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Synod stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; and, having opened the meeting in due form, shall ascertain whether a quorum is present.

ART. III. If a quorum be assembled at the hour appointed, and the President be absent, the Synod shall appoint a President *pro tem.*

ART. IV. If a quorum be not assembled at the hour appointed, any two members shall be competent to adjourn from time to time, so that an opportunity may be given for a quorum to assemble.

ART. V. The Synod, unless otherwise ordered by the preceding Synod, shall meet at its annual sessions on the appointed day at seven o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of organization, and the opening sermon shall be preached by the retiring President (or

by some minister appointed by him or by the Synod) on the second evening.

ART. VI The Synod, immediately after it has completed its organization, shall define the limits which shall constitute the bar of the house, and no member shall be allowed to take part in the discussion, or to vote on any question, who is not, at the time, within these limits.

The Order of Business.

ART. VII. The Synod shall proceed in its business in such order as shall conform, as nearly as possible, to the following *Lemmata:*

1. The Opening of Synod.
2. Enrollment of Members.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Rules of Order.
5. Appointment of Standing Committees, as follows:
   - (1.) On Religious Services.
   - (2.) On Synodical Minutes (District and General).
   - (3.) On Minutes of Classes.
   - (4.) On Overtures.
   - (5.) On Examination, Licensure and Ordination.
   - (6.) On the State of Religion.
   - (7.) On Missions—Home and Foreign.
   - (8.) On Theological Seminary.
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   - (10.) On Sunday-schools and Catechisation.
   - (11.) On Education.
   - (12.) On Publication.
   - (13) On Finance.
   - (14.) On Nominations.
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10. Elections of Boards and Delegates.
11 Miscellaneous.
12. Approval of the Minutes.
13. Adjournment.

ART. VIII. The business referred to Standing Committees shall

have the precedence, excepting subjects which may have been assigned to some particular hour.

ART. IX. Business left unfinished at a preceding session shall be ordinarily first taken up at the succeeding one.

ART. X. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning, corrected, if necessary, and approved. After the minutes have been read (or corrected), the President will say: "Shall the minutes (as corrected) be approved?" If no objections be made, he will declare the minutes approved.

The Duties of the Officers.

ART. XI. It shall be the duty of the President, at all times, to preserve order and guard against the violation of the Constitution, or the established Rules of Order; to keep notes of such items of business as have been deferred or assigned to particular days or times, and to call them up at the time appointed; to appoint all committees, except in those cases in which the Synod shall decide otherwise; and to conduct all business before Synod to a speedy and proper conclusion.

ART. XII. The President may speak with regard to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Synod, which may be taken by any member, with a second. In this case, the member appealing may briefly state the grounds of his appeal, and the President may briefly reply; whereupon the question shall be put in the following form: Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained? and this motion shall be decided by a majority of votes.

ART. XIII. The President, during the sessions, shall have the right to name any member to act for him, but this substitution shall not extend beyond the first adjournment.

ART. XIV. It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk, as soon as possible after the opening of the Synod, to form a complete roll of the members present, and put the same into the hands of the President; to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Synod; to read all the papers handed him by the President for that purpose; and to file all papers in the order in which they have been read, with proper indorsements.

ART. XV. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all cor-

respondence of the Synod, and immediately upon the appointment of any committee furnish the Chairman with a list of the names of the members thereof.

Rules of Order Proper.

ART. XVI. When the President takes the chair, the members shall at once come to order, and, during the transaction of business, they shall not indulge in conversation, nor shall one member address himself to another, or to any one present, in a debate, except through the President.

ART. XVII. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the President, and shall treat his fellow-members, and especially the President, with decorum and respect, confining himself to the subject in debate, and carefully avoiding all personalities.

ART. XVIII. When any member, in the course of debate, shall speak out of order, or deviate from the subject under consideration, or at any time act disorderly, it shall be the privilege of any member, and the duty of the President, to call him to order.

ART. XIX. No speaker shall be interrupted, except by his own permission, unless he be out of order, or for correcting mistakes or misrepresentations.

ART. XX. No member shall speak more than twice, on any motion, without the permission of the Synod.

ART. XXI. When more than one member shall rise to speak at the same time, the member who is first recognized by the President shall speak.

ART. XXII. When more than three members shall be standing at the same time, the President shall require all to take their seats, except the person entitled to the floor.

ART. XXIII. No member shall absent himself from any session of the Synod, nor withdraw during the sessions without permission from the President; and if any member leave before the final adjournment, or return home without the consent of the Synod, he shall incur censure, unless excused by the Synod.

ART. XXIV. No motion shall be considered as before the Synod, unless it is seconded, and, when required by the President or any member, reduced to writing; and debate can not proceed thereon until the President has distinctly stated the question to the house.

ART. XXV. Any member who shall have made a motion shall

have the liberty to withdraw it, with the consent of his second, before debate has taken place thereon, and before it has been amended; but not afterward, without leave of the Synod.

ART. XXVI. When a motion is regularly before the Synod, it must be put to a vote, unless it be withdrawn, or laid on the table, or postponed.

ART. XXVII. If a motion under debate contains several parts, any member may call for a division, and may have the question taken on each part separately.

ART. XXVIII. When the President has begun to take the vote, no further debate shall be admitted, unless it appears that a mistake has occurred, in which case the mistake shall be corrected, and the President shall again commence taking the vote.

ART. XXIX. When a vote is taken by ballot, the President shall vote with the other members; but he shall not vote in any other case, unless the Synod shall be equally divided, when, if he do not choose to vote, the question shall be lost.

ART. XXX. No member shall be permitted to enter a *protest* against any decision of the Synod; but if he feel himself aggrieved by any decision, the *yeas* and *nays* in the case shall be recorded, if he require it.

ART. XXXI. A question shall not be again called up or reconsidered at the same session of the Synod in which it has been decided, unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by persons who voted with the majority; and it shall require two-thirds of the votes to sustain the motion for reconsideration.

ART. XXXII. Members ought not, without weighty reasons, to decline voting, as this practice might leave the decision of very important questions to a small portion of the Synod. Silent members, unless excused from voting, shall be considered as acquiescing in the vote of the majority.

Privileged Questions and Incidental Motions.

ART. XXXIII. Questions of *privilege* and *incidental* motions shall be in order when they arise, and shall include the following: 1. Motions and questions relating to the rights and privileges of the Synod, or of its members individually; 2. Motions for the orders of the day; 3. Questions of order; 4. Motions for the reception or reading of papers; 5. Leave to withdraw motions; 6. Suspension of

a Rule of Order; 7. Amendment of an amendment. All of these, except the last three. shall be decided without debate.

ART. XXXIV. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be entertained, except a motion, 1. To adjourn; 2. To take a recess; 3. To lie on the table; 4. To take the previous question; 5. To postpone to a definite time; 6. To refer or commit; 7. To amend; 8. To postpone indefinitely. These several questions shall have precedence in the order named, and the first four thereof shall be decided without debate.

ART. XXXV. The following motions can not be amended, namely: 1. To adjourn (when unqualified); 2. To take a recess; 3. For the orders of the day; 4. All incidental motions; 5. To lie on the table; 6. For the previous question; 7. An amendment of an amendment; 8. To postpone indefinitely; 9. To reconsider.

ART. XXXVI. After a reasonable time has been allowed for the discussion of a motion, a call can be made for the *previous question.* To be entertained, the call must be seconded by at least ten members rising in their places for the purpose, and it shall be decided without debate. The previous question shall be in this form: Shall the main question be now put? and until it is decided, it shall preclude all further amendment or debate on the main question. The effect of this motion, when sustained, shall be to bring the Synod to a direct vote on all the amendments then pending, in their proper order, and on the main question itself.

Amendments.

ART. XXXVII. Amendments may be moved to any motion by omitting, adding or substituting words or sentences, and an amendment to an amendment is in order; but every amendment must be decided in regular order before the original motion.

Filling Blanks.

ART. XXXVIII. When different motions are made, with respect to the filling of blanks with particular numbers and times, the question shall always be taken first on the largest sum or number, and on the longest time.

Committees.

ART. XXXIX. The person first named on any committee (unless the committee shall elect its own Chairman) shall be considered the

Chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to convene the committee, and, in case of his absence or inability to act, the second named member shall take his place and perform his duties. When a committee is divided in opinion, and a majority and minority report are made, both may be read and received at the discretion of the Synod.

ART. XL. The Committee on Nominations shall always report a double set of names of all officers, trustees, delegates, etc., that are to be elected by the Synod, and report as early in the sessions as possible. The report submitted to Synod shall be open to amendment or change.

Elections.

ART. XLI All elections of officers, delegates, members of boards, etc., shall be held at such time as the Synod may decide, and shall be by ballot. If, on the first ballot, no one of the candidates for the same office has a majority of all the votes given, the two who have received the highest number of votes shall again be proposed, and the election repeated. If there be still no choice, the voting shall be repeated until one of them shall have a majority.

Miscellaneous.

ART. XLII. The Synod may sit in private on business, which, in its judgment, ought not to be made a matter of public discussion.

ART. XLIII. The Synod can at any time, by a vote of a majority, resolve itself into a *Committee of the Whole*, for the consideration of a particular subject, in which case the President shall call some other member to the chair. In this case members can speak oftener than twice; the previous question can not be moved; nor the *yeas* and *nays* be called; and on points of order the decision of the Chairman shall be final.

ART. XLIV. The President of the preceding Synod shall always be Chairman of the Committee on the State of Religion, and, as such, draw up the report of religion and statistics, and submit the same to Synod.

ART. XLV. The President, in connection with the other officers of Synod, may change the place and time of the meeting of Synod, when any unforeseen circumstances shall make such change necessary, of which at least one month's notice shall be given, in one or more of the papers of the Church.

ART. XLVI. At the final adjournment of the Synod, after appropriate religious services, the President shall pronounce the Apostolic Benediction.

ART. XLVII. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be observed by the Ohio Synod in the transaction of its business, and, in all cases not provided for in these rules, the General Rules of Deliberative Bodies in the United States shall be considered as in force.

ART. XLVIII. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended by the Ohio Synod, at any annual meeting, by a majority of votes.

(*For Lemmata, as adopted by Synod, see page* 2.)

Thereupon the following action, in regard to the foregoing report, was adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee, including the accompanying Rules of Order and Lemmata, be and is hereby adopted.

Resolved, That these Rules of Order shall be at once in force for the government of the Ohio Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1,000 copies of these Rules of Order published separately in folio sheet form for distribution.

The Bar of the House was defined by Synod as extending to the fourth pew from the front of the chancel.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of Synod:

The *Morning Sessions* to open at nine and close at half past eleven o'clock.

The *Afternoon Sessions* to open at two and close at five o'clock.

A session was held on Monday evening.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

On Religious Services.

Revs. George H. Leonard, Silas P. Mauger, and Elder Ezra Jackson.

On Synodical Minutes.

Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., William A. Hale, and Elder Robert Kerr.

On Minutes of Classes.

Revs. Sebastian C. Goss, Oswald J. Accola, John R. Skinner, and Elders William Nieble and John W. Bishop.

On Overtures.

Revs. Hiram Shaull, Henry Hillbish, and Elder Frank Slaymaker.

On Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

Revs. Geo. W. Williard, D. D , Jeremiah M. Mickly, John J. Leberman, and Elders Andrew H Baughman and John Bolender.

On State of Religion.

Revs. Henry M. Herman, Edwin R. Williard, Fred. Strassner, and Elders John Wilhelm and Thomas W. Chapman.

On Missions.

Revs. John M. Kendig, Jonathan A. Novinger, and Elder Robert Bell.

On Theological Seminary and Education.

Revs. Theodore J. Bacher, John Bachman, and Elder John H. App.

On Heidelberg College.

Revs. John J. Leberman, William H. Fenneman, and Elder Andrew H Baughman.

On Sunday-Schools and Catechisation.

Revs. Henry Hilbish, Theodore J. Bacher, and Elder Frank Slaymaker.

On Publication.

Revs. Edwin R. Williard, John M. Kendig, and Elder Thos. W. Chapman.

On Finance.

Revs. Wm. H. Fenneman, Wm. A. Hale, and Elder John W. Keller.

On Nominations.

Revs. Geo H. Leonard, Hiram Shaull, and Elder Thos. W. Chapman.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATION.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, St John's, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, Iowa, St. Joseph's, Cincinnati and Kansas, were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the Committee on those subjects.

2. The reports of the Board of Trustees, and of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, together with that of the, Treasurer, and that of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, were received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

3. The report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, and that of the Agent, were received and referred to the Committee on Heidelberg College.

4. The report of the Board of Home Missions, together with that of its Treasurer, was received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

5. The reports of the Board of Church Erection, and of its Treasurers, were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

6. The report of the Sunday-School Board was received and referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools.

7. The report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

8. The report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

9. Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod during its present sessions observed the following religious services:

1. The sessions throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Committee on Religious Services presented their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to submit the following report:

Reformed Church.—Thursday evening: Rev. Wm. A. Hale. Saturday afternoon: preparatory sermon, Rev Lewis H. Kefauver; liturgical services: Rev Geo. W. Williard, D. D. Sunday morning: communion sermon, Rev. Henry Hilbish; liturgical services, Rev. David Winters, D. D. Sunday evening: Rev. John J. Leberman.

United Brethren Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. John R. Skinner. Sunday evening: Rev. John M. Kendig.

Methodist Episcopal Church.—Sunday evening: Rev. Edwin R. Williard.

Zion's Reformed Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. Jon. C. Beade.

Salem's Reformed Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. Wm. H. Fenneman.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. LEONARD, *Chairman.*

The religious services, as appointed by the Committee, were severally observed.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Synod, two copies of which, in printed form, were received through the Stated Clerk, was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes This Committee submitted the following report, which was received, and disposed of item by item:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would report that they have examined the Minutes of the several Synods designated, and find that the following items require the attention of this Synod, namely:

Minutes of Ohio Synod.

Item 1, page 7. Final action is required on Forms of a Constitution of a Congregation and of a Joint Consistory, as embodied in the Minutes of 1874, page 50, etc.

Item 2, page 21. The Stated Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of a certain action to E. B. Chain, Esq., Norristown, Pennsylvania.

Item 3, page 22. Certain instruction to the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Item 4, page 42. The appointment of a General Superintendent of Missions by the Boards of Home Mission and Church Erection.

Item 5. The several Boards reporting to the Synod: (*a*)—Boards of Theological Seminary, page 22; (*b*)—Board of Heidelberg College, page 27; (*c*)—Board of Missions, page 42; (*d*)—Board of Church Erection, page 42; (*e*)—Board of Sunday schools, page 43.

Item 6, page 48. The appointment of a Committee on the Revision of the Standing Rules of Synod.

Item 7, page 48. The appointment of a Committee to report a Constitution and By-Laws for a Relief Association.

Item 8, page 53. The appointment of a Committee to report respecting the founding of a Printing Establishment.

Item 9, pages 55 and 56. The financial aspect of the German and English Liturgies. (*a.*) The appointment of a committee to superintend the sale of the German Liturgy, in connection with the Synod of the Northwest. (*b.*) The Treasurer of Synod is authorized to pay Rev. George W. Willard, D. D., the balance due him on the publication of the English Liturgy.

Item 10, page 56. The procuring of Certificates of Licensure and Ordination by the Stated Clerk.

Item 11, page 57. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have fourteen hundred copies of the Minutes of the last Synod published.

MINUTES OF SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST, 1875.

Item 12, pages 26 and 27. The Synod of the Northwest, in respect to the mutual official relations established between the two Synods in 1867, with a special reference to Heidelberg College and the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, adopted the following action:

"WHEREAS, This Synod, of late years, has not manifested an active interest in Heidelberg College, and, under existing circumstances, can not manifest such interest; as this would not be consistent with our wants as a German Synod; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That we, in the future, will not elect Trustees of Heidelberg College.

"*Resolved*, That we, as a Synod, do hereby withdraw from the co-operative management of Heidelberg College, but wish the blessing of God to rest upon the Ohio Synod, for the further prosperity of the Institution.

"*Resolved*, That inasmuch as the German Reformed Synod of the Northwest has established a Seminary of its own in the Mission House [at Sheboygan, Wisconsin], it regards the mutual relation established with the Ohio Synod in regard to the Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, dissolved; but invokes the rich blessing of God upon the Ohio Synod, and also upon its Theological Institution at Tiffin, Ohio."

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD, 1875.

Item 13, page 44. The subject of Home Missions is referred to the Boards of District Synods and Classes, and these Boards are to report their work through the General Board to the General Synod.

Item 14, page 45. Is a recommendation to the congregations of the Church to make at least one contribution annually to the cause of Foreign Missions.

Item 15, page 47. A resolution referring to the Sunday-school interest to the District Synods.

Item 16, page 66. An assessment of two hundred and thirty dollars upon the Ohio Synod for contingent expenses.

Item 17, page 68. The action of the General Synod in regard to the Centennial celebration.

Item 18, page 73. The General Synod will hold its next Triennial Meeting in the First Reformed Church, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, commencing on Wednesday evening, May 15th, A. D. 1878, at 8 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows: For action in items 1 and 12 see Article XX., Church Government; items 2, 3, 13, 14, 15 and 18 were adopted; for action in item 4 see Article XIII., Missions; for disposition of particulars in item 5, *a*, see Article XIV., Theological Seminary; *b*, Article XV., Heidelberg College; *c* and *d*, Article XIII., Missions; *e*, Article XVII., Sunday-schools; for report in item 6 see Article IV., Rules of Order; for report in item 7 see Article XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; for report and action in items 8, 10 and 11 see Article XXI., Publication; for action in item 9, *a* and *b*, see Article XXII., Finance; item 16 adopted, and referred to the Committee on Finance, Article XXII.; item 17 adopted, and for action thereon see Article XXIV., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom were referred the Minutes of Classes beg leave to submit the following. All the Classes save Shelby have placed their Minutes in our hands. From these we gather the following items:

I. Irregularities.

1. *Miami Classis*, as her custom is, failed to present her Minutes separate from the Record Book.

2. Licensed Daniel R. Taylor to preach the gospel, and withheld ordination from him for the period of one year, apparently on account of incompetency.

3 Disregarded the constitutional requirement in the Report of the Committee on Licensure.

4. Transacted business at a special meeting not included in the call for the same.

5. *Kansas Classis* met and transacted business without a quorum there being but two ministers present.

II. Requests and Recommendations.

6. *Tuscarawas Classis* requests this Synod to urge all her Classes to organize Classical S. S. Associations, looking forward to a final consummation of a Synodical S. S. Association.

7. *Tiffin Classis* requests Synod to reconsider its action regarding the column for "Contingent Contributions."

8. *Cincinnati Classis* requests permission to join with other German Classes, so soon as the way may open, in forming a German Ohio Synod.

9. *Northern Illinois Classis* reiterates its request to this Synod, to be permitted to join with other Classes in the formation of a new Western Synod.

10. *Kansas Classis* requests Synod to approve its action in transacting business without a quorum present.

11. *Iowa Classis* again renews its request to have at least one-third of the traveling expenses of its delegates to Synod paid, so often as Synod shall meet east of the State of Illinois.

12. Iowa Classis again reiterates its request to this Synod to correct a certain mistake in the licensing of candidates for the ministry.

III. Appeals and Complaints.

13. *St. John's Classis* complains against the action of this Synod, in dismissing it, to the Synod of the Northwest, as it is claimed, against its will or request.

14. Rev. J. H. Derr complains against the action of Tiffin Classis in the case of the reception of Rev. W. B. Sandoe from the Zion's Classis, Synod of the Northwest.

15. Elder John Wilhelm appeals from the action of St. John's Classis, in refusing to grant the request of the Wooster Congregation, to be dismissed to Tuscarawas Classis.

IV. Subjects Referred to Classes.

16. The different Classes regarded favorably the different subjects referred to them by this Synod.

V. Licensure, Ordination, Reception and Dismission.

17. *Illinois Classis* licensed Mr. Joseph L. Schatz, and ordained Licentiate O. Esselborn.

18. *Lancaster Classis* received Rev. J. Klingler from Heidelberg Classis; Rev. M. Loucks from Tuscarawas Classis, and Rev. S. Thomas from Allegheny Classis. Dismissed Revs. S. Thomas, J. C. Henneman and C. F. W. Stechow to the Cincinnati Classis.

19. *Kansas Classis* received Rev. E. M. Schultz from Tiffin Classis. Dismissed Rev. Charles Wieser to the Indiana Classis.

20. *Iowa Classis* dismissed Rev. J. B. Welty to the Highland Presbytery.

21. *St. Joseph Classis* licensed W. H. Ziegler and L. Grosenbaugh; ordained the latter. Received Rev. W. H. Fenneman from Tiffin Classis; Rev. C. Scheel, from Tuscarawas Classis, and Rev. F. Wall from St. Paul's Classis. Dismissed Rev. P. J. Spangler to Tuscarawas Classis; Rev. J. D. Gehring to Tiffin Classis; Rev. John Naille to Shelby Classis; and Rev. C. Scheel to Allegheny Classis.

22. *St. John's Classis* licensed Emil P. Herbruck and dismissed him to Tuscarawas Classis. Received Rev. H. Nau from Heidelberg Classis, and Rev. J. Biery from E. Ohio Classis. Dismissed Rev. E. F. Aug. Schade to Heidelberg Classis.

23. *Cincinnati Classis* received Revs. J. C. Henneman, W. Stechow and S. Thomas from Lancaster Classis, and Rev. J. Bach-

man from the German Phil. Classis. Dismissed Rev. John Kuelling to German Phil. Classis.

24. *Miami Classis* licensed Mr. D. R. Taylor and ordained Licentiate H. T. Spangler. Received H. T. Spangler from Lebanon Classis, Rev. L. M. Kerschner from Shelby Classis, Rev. J. Steiner from Tuscarawas Classis, and Rev. J. C. Beade from the U. B. Church. Dismissed Rev. D. Van Horne to Phil. Classis and Rev. J. Richards to Tiffin Classis.

25. *Tuscarawas Classis* licensed W. M. Andrews and C. M. Schaaf. Ordained Licentiate C. M. Schaaf. Received Revs. T. J. Bacher from Tiffin Classis, P. J. Spangler from St. Joseph Classis, H. H. Sandoe from Shelby Classis. Dismissed Revs. C. Scheel to St. Joseph Classis, J. Steiner to Miami Classis, M. Loucks to Lancaster Classis.

26. *Tiffin Classis* licensed W. J. Peters, A. Casselman and C. F. Kriete. Ordained E. M. Shultz and A. Casselman. Received Revs August Konetzky from the Evangelical Church, W. B. Sandoe from Zion's Classis, Jesse Richards from Miami Classis. Dismissed Rev. E M. Shultz to Kansas Classis; and Licentiate C. F. Kriete to Zion's Classis, Revs. J. H. Beck to Indiana Classis, W. H. Fenneman to St. Joseph Classis. Deposed from the Gospel Ministry Revs. C. Von Domenden and W. J. Peters.

VI. Annual Meetings of Classes.

27. *Miami Classis* at Greenville, Darke County, Ohio, on the first Thursday after the second Tuesday in October, 1876, at 7 P. M. Rev. J M Le Fevre, President; Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk; A. H. Baughman, Treasurer.

28. *Lancaster Classis* in the Church of the Cross, Somerset, Ohio, Monday evening, September 27, 1876, 7:30, P. M. Rev. C. W. Hoyman, President; Rev. G. H. Leonard, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. Heffley, Treasurer.

29. *Tuscarawas Classis* at Bates' Corners, Summit County, Ohio, October 26, 1876, 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. M. Mickly, President; Rev N. H. Loose, Stated Clerk; Hon. T. W. Chapman, Treasurer

30. *Tiffin Classis* at Bellevue, Huron County, Ohio, August 24, 1876, 8 P. M. Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., President; Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

31. *St. John's Classis* at Bellaire, Belmont County, Ohio, the last Wednesday in September, 1876, at 7 P. M. Rev. P. Herbruck, D. D.,

President; Rev. J. G. Zahner, D. D., Stated Clerk; Rev. D. Zimmerman, Treasurer.

32. *Eastern Ohio Classis*, Carrollton, Carroll County, Ohio, August 30, 1876, 7 P. M. Rev. E. H. Otting, President; Rev. J. M. Kendig, Stated Clerk; J. Greenameier, Treasurer.

33. *N. Ill. Classis* will meet in annual session at Freeport on Thursday before full moon, in October, 1876, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. I. A. Sites, President; Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. Sechler, Treasurer.

34. *Iowa Classis* at Wilton, Muscatine County, Iowa, first Wednesday of October, 1876, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. Cort, Presipent; Rev. D. S. Fouse, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

35. *St. Joseph's Classis* on the 27th of September, 1876, 7:30 P. M., in the Reformed Church, at Three Rivers, Michigan. Rev. J. R. Skinner, President; Rev. E. R. Williard, Stated Clerk; J. C. St. Clair, Treasurer.

36. *Cincinnati Classis* at Millville, Butler County Ohio, September 14, 1876, 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. C. Henneman, President; O J. Accola, Stated Clerk; Mr. C. Sandau, Treasurer.

37. *Kansas Classis* in the Reformed Church at Turkey Creek, Dickinson County, Kansas, Thursday evening, September 27, 1876, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. J. A. Nicolai, President; Rev. J. A. Keller, Stated Clerk; Fred. Isely, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

SEBASTIAN C. GOSS, *Chairman.*

Disposition of report: Item 1 adopted, and ordered "that Miami Classis come up to the Synod in default no longer." For action in items 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 see Article XX., Church Government; item 6 adopted, and referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools; item 7 adopted, and Tiffin Classis directed to General Synod's action, Minutes, 1875, pages 15, 16 and 52; for action in item 12 see Article XIV., Theological Seminary; for action in item 14 see Article XIX., Complaints; for disposition of item 15 see Article XVIII. Appeals and References. All other items, including 2, 3, 4, 16 to 37, were adopted.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was received, and disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

The following documents have been referred to your Committee on Overtures, which claim the attention of this reverend Synod, viz.:

No. 1. Is a request from Rev. G. Beisser and Consistory of the Piqua Mission, asking permission to authorize an agent appointed by them to solicit funds from the congregations in the bounds of this Synod, for the liquidation of their church debt, which is still about $1,600. They are joined in this by the request of the Cincinnati Classis, to which the mission belongs.

No. 2. Is a bill for traveling expenses to and from the General Synod at Fort Wayne, Indiana, from Rev. S. B. Yockey, as counsel in a certain case, for $9.10.

No. 3. Is a bill for traveling expenses to and from the General Synod at Fort Wayne, Indiana, from Rev. P. C. Prugh, as counsel in a certain case, for $6.00.

No. 4. Is a bill for traveling expenses to and from the General Synod at Fort Wayne, Indiana, from Rev. H. M. Herman, as counsel in a certain case, for $11.20.

No. 5. Is a communication from Mr. S. S. Rickly, of Columbus, Ohio, offering the members of this Synod an opportunity of visiting certain institutions of interest, upon the street railroad, providing such visit can be made by Tuesday, May 23.

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM SHAULL, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows: Item 1 adopted, and referred to the Board of Church Erection; items 2, 3 and 4 were adopted, and orders granted for the amounts of the bills on the Treasurer of Synod, see Article XXII., Finance; for action in item 5 see Article XXIV., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application having been made in behalf of John W. Barber, who had been a student of Heidelberg College and Pleasantville Academy,

and afterward pursued his theological studies privately, for examination and licensure, he was referred to the Committee on Examination, etc., which Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would report:

That the applicant referred to us, after some consultation, requested the privilege to withdraw his application. We would recommend that the Synod grant his request.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports presented their report, which was received and adopted:

Reverend Fathers and Brethren in the Lord:—Through the abounding love and mercy of the great Head of the Church, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we are permitted to meet once more in our annual sessions.

As a legitimate member of the mystical body of our blessed Redeemer, we come bearing our trophies of victory from the battlefields of the past. Every report brings the encouraging message of the manifest presence of the Holy Ghost accompanying the labors of his servants.

From this fact we take fresh courage to enter upon the duties before us, anticipating greater activities and more signal successes in the future.

The various reports of the Classes present the lights and shadows of the life of the Church Militant; and from them we learn of the weakness and strength, faithfulness and unfaithfulness, of those who are numbered among the people of God on the earth. Opposition from without has been formidable. Infidelity, in its varied forms, has done determined battle—laying well its plans, and directing with consummate skill its weapons. Not only from without, but from within, has there been earnest opposition to the onward work of the Church—a state of apathy and indifference on the

part of many, a want of proper appreciation of the means of grace, love of the world, and an unwillingness to use a portion of the means which God has given them for the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom, thereby withholding from the Lord and his Church that which is essential, in a human point of view, to its success.

Yet, notwithstanding all these adverse circumstances, like the burning bush of old, the Church is unconsumed. Yea, progress has been made, new territory has been added to our domain, old fields have prospered and been strengthened, new churches have been built, and old ones have put on new garments of strength and beauty, and many souls have been gathered from the armies of the aliens into the ranks of King Immanuel.

The past year has been one of unusual depression in the outer world, and it would be strange, indeed, if the effects would not be manifest in the Church. There has been financial embarrassment everywhere. Many of the wealthy have become poor. Our harvests have, in a great measure, failed; and, under these adverse circumstances, it should not be surprising if our treasuries should fail in the plentitude of their resources. Such should not be the case, however. We must not forget the fact that the Church has a human side. Yet, even here, we take courage. Much has been done. Our people have been liberal—as much so as in former years, indeed, perhaps more so, when we take into consideration the condition of things around us—we have greater blessings to record than if our treasuries were overflowing with gold; God has blessed us even far beyond the wealth of the whole world; he has preserved us as a Church; the gates of hell have not prevailed against her; the banner of the Cross still waves triumphantly upon the walls of Zion; even as the mountains are around about Jerusalem, so the Lord has been around about us. We have cheering news from our pastors of the ingathering of souls, and of the increased attendance upon the means of grace; the sacraments have taken a higher position in the minds of the people, and are more highly-esteemed and appreciated as essential in the economy of man's redemption. No longer are they looked upon as empty signs only, but we are told by the reports that they are esteemed more and more as precious means of grace. To the Lord be all the praise.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL

Is evidently taking deeper hold of the Church, and the importance of this department of Christian activity has received greater attention than formerly. Many precious souls have been gathered from the fold of the lambs into full communion with the Church.

CATECHISATION

Is becoming general. Every report speaks encouragingly. True, the indifference of many church-members is deplored, yet rejoicing is manifest because that many are coming forward with their children who had formerly treated this time-honored custom with indifference. May God hasten the day when it shall be said that there is not a congregation within our bounds that does not faithfully indoctrinate its children in the blessed truths as found in the Heidelberg Catechism. Then will the lamentation no longer come up to us, as it so often does, of indifference and want of true Christian life. There is a healthy growth in this direction, and because of it we have great reason to give renewed thanks to Almighty God for the outlook for a healthy growth, and there is promise of an abundant harvest. We have not yet attained the full measure of success, but have approximated the goal. The borders of the land of promise are in view.

Health has prevailed among our ministers, but few having been called to endure affliction. God has vouchsafed health and strength to his servants during the past year, for which we, as laborers in the vineyard, have special cause for thanksgiving.

Four of the ministerial workmen have ceased from their labors, and have gone to that blessed reward, to which the Master has called them, in the rest that remaineth to the people of God.

REV. HENRY WILLIARD.

Lancaster Classis mourns the absence of one of her most earnest and efficient members in the death of Bro. Williard. Last year he sat as a delegate to the Synod at its sessions at Miamisburg, Ohio. His work was well done. He bore the heat and burden of the day, and after a long life of earnest labor in and consecration to the work of his Master in the Church of his choice, he has gone to wear the crown of the faithful servant of God. Long shall the name of Henry Williard be cherished. And to him we owe a debt of gratitude and affection for his pious and noble example and his self-denying labors in the Church.

REV. JESSE SCHLOSSER,

Of St. Joseph Classis, has gone to his reward. His name sounds familiar to us all. Long and favorably has he been known as an earnest and faithful servant of his Master. He lived to the honor and glory of God; and faithful and self-sacrificing were his labors for the upbuilding of the Church of his choice. He now rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

REV. JACOB BURKHOLDER,

Of St Joseph Classis, has also laid aside the shield and buckler and taken up the crown. Last year he was one of our number at Miamisburg, to-day he mingles with the throng in the higher court of the Church Triumphant. Quiet and unostentatious in life and earnest in his work, he merits the rewards of the faithful. Blessed is the memory of the just.

REV JOHN G. KISSELL.

St. Joseph Classis pays a grateful tribute to the worth of this departed brother. Blessed in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *Chairman.*

(*For Statistical Reports, see Appendix.*)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

I. The Annual Reports.

The following reports were received and referred:

1. *Report of Board of Home Missions of Ohio Synod.*

The Board of Missions elected by the last Synod was organized very soon after its election. Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., having declined to serve any longer as the President of the Board, the undersigned was elected to this important position. The other officers were continued.

The Board has had a number of meetings during the year, and did all in its power, by private correspondence and appeals in the papers of the Church, to awaken a proper interest in this cause.

Any one acquainted with the vast extent of territory embraced within the bounds of the Ohio Synod, must see that it offers a wide and encouraging field for missionary operations. Our people, too, have become widely scattered over the West in search of comfortable homes, so that it becomes a very onerous and expensive work to supply them with the stated means of grace. Had they been more considerate, and settled in the same or adjoining localities, where they might have been supplied by a single minister, it would be comparatively easy to secure missionaries for them. As it is, many ministers and a large amount of money are now necessary to meet their wants, the result of which is a great many are left destitute. This is to be regretted, as there is in this way a great loss to the Church, and many, it is to be feared, not being properly cared for, lose their interest in religious matters and go back to the world.

The Board seriously regrets the comparatively little interest which the Church seems to take in the cause of missions. Why this is so it is hard to tell. The financial embarrassment of the times has undoubtedly had something to do with it. Money is very scarce and hard to get. Not a few find it difficult to command the means necessary to meet their pressing liabilities, and, therefore, excuse themselves from giving upon the ground that they have not the money to spare. All churches feel this more or less, and complain of the difficulty they have to carry forward the benevolent operations of the day as they did a few years ago.

But admitting, as we do, that the stringency of the times has had its effect in curtailing the benevolent contributions of the Church, it does not satisfactorily account for the general apathy that prevails. Very many pastoral charges and congregations have made no contribution at all to missions during the year, as will be seen by the report of the Treasurer. And we fear that, in some instances at least, the cause has not been laid before the people, nor have they been asked or urged to give. Had this been done, there is every reason to believe *that something* would have been given. As a general thing, our people have always been willing to do their duty when it has been made plain to them. And we are inclined to the belief that if our ministers or brethren had stated the wants and perplexities of the Board to the members of the Church, as they have been urgently requested to do, our treasury would not be in the sad condition it is, and our missionaries would have been saved much embarrassment and inconvenience, as they would have received their appropriations as they became due.

We are, therefore, compelled to state, and we do it with great reluctance, that the chief cause of the embarrassment of the Board of Missions is to be attributed to the little interest which many of the ministers of the Church have taken in the cause during the year. This we realize is a very serious statement, and should lead to the inquiry why it is so. No Church can, in the nature of the case, prosper if her ministers are not interested in her operations. The people naturally and properly look to them to take the lead in these matters and to make them acquainted with the wants of the Church. If they fail to do this, the result will necessarily be what we have experienced, a depleted treasury.

The Board has not been able, for the want of funds, either to liquidate the debt due last year, or to pay the appropriations of the missionaries as they became due. The debt is quite large, as will be seen by the accompanying report of the Treasurer, and should be paid at once. In several instances the Board was compelled to borrow money which should be paid back immediately so as to save the credit of the Church. To do this we would recommend that the entire debt be apportioned among the several Classes, and that they be urged to hold missionary meetings in their several congregations as soon as possible, and the people urged to contribute liberally to provide for the same.

That the Synod may see what the Board has done we will make a statement of the several missions under our care:

1. *Denver City, Colorado.*—Rev. J. A. Keller remains in connection with this mission, and has been successful in reducing the debt of the Church very much during the year. The visit which he made to churches in Ohio and Pennsylvania, after the meeting of the Synod of Miamisburg, was very successful in the purpose for which it was made. Liberal contributions, in some instances, were made for the relief of the mission. The missionary returned to his field greatly encouraged. According to the settlement made the 1st day of April, it was found that the debt of April, 1875, which was $2,294.79, was reduced to $1,277.71, being a little over $1,000. This will be a great relief to the mission, and must make all connected with it much more hopeful. The missionary writes that there remains over $300 in pledges and subscriptions unpaid. This amount should be paid at once by those who have given pledges. The appropriation to this mission is $400.

Brown Co. Mission.—This mission was without a pastor for some

time until the Board was enabled to send Rev. Eman. Schultz to them last August. This brother labored with much zeal and earnestness for some nine months, when he induced Rev. Eman. Richards, who had been laboring in New York City for some time as a missionary, to come West and take charge of it. We are pleased to report that Rev. Richards is laboring with great acceptance in the mission, which is now composed of six preaching points, in Brown and Nemaha Counties, Kansas. The Board has not made any appropriation to this mission as yet, as there were no funds on hand, and the mission has not specified what amount it should have. Some appropriation should be made for this year, after which, it is believed, no more assistance will be needed.

Rev. Mr. Shultz has been very active in hunting up our destitute brethren in the different places of the far West. He has endured much labor and self-denial in the work. Having handed over the field to which he was commissioned by the Board, he has been supplying other destitute points with the means of grace.

Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas.—Rev. J. A. Nicolai continued to supply this point until the 1st of March, 1876, when he resigned it on account of dissensions in the congregation. This is a German field. No successor has as yet been found for the field. Rev. Nicolai is still in the West, and has, at the request of the Board, visited certain destitute regions.

Wathena Mission.—This mission, which was served by Rev. C. Weiser, is also without a pastor, as he felt constrained to leave it on account of certain difficulties which he had to contend against. The mission is also German, and is probably in part supplied with a pastor.

Ravanna and Princeton, Mo.—Rev. J. V. Lerch has been serving this mission for a few years past. Having found the labor of teaching and preaching too much for his health, he has been obliged to resign the mission, but will supply it for the present.

Sycamore Mission, Ill.—Rev. D. K. Fulkerson served this mission in connection with other adjacent points. He has labored with great earnestness and self-denial for the last few years in Shelby and adjoining counties of Illinois, and has received into the Church sixty-four by letter and confirmation, baptized five adults and forty-three children, and organized three congregations. It is to be regretted that he has been obliged to leave this field for the want of support. He is now laboring in a promising field near Decatur, Illinois.

Greenville, O.—Rev. R. B. Reichard still continues at this point, but is much embarrassed by the heavy debt upon the church. If this could be removed there is every reason to believe that the mission would soon become self-supporting. As it is, there is great danger that it will be lost to the Church unless help is obtained very soon. We would suggest that the Synod take its condition into consideration and provide in some way for its relief. It would be a great misfortune if it should be lost to the Church after all that has been contributed to it. It has a neat church, worth, at least, $5,000.

Hamilton, O.—This mission has, with great effort, been saved. Over $2,000 had to be provided for last January. The Board of Church Erection, not being able to raise the funds, the officers of the Board of Missions borrowed $400 to save the mission. This should be paid back at once. The mission is now self-supporting, and has a bright prospect before it. Rev. G. Z. Mechling is the pastor.

Goshen, Ind.—A promising mission has been started at this point. Rev. E. R. Williard explored the ground last summer and organized the mission, when the President of the Board was requested to visit the place and give such encouragement to the brethren as he might think proper. A church was bought, in a desirable location, for $1,800, and repaired at an expense of about $900. It was dedicated on Easter Sunday, at which time the greater part of the indebtedness was provided for in connection with what had been done before. The mission has a fine church, worth at least $5,000, and has every prospect of becoming self-supporting in a short time. Mr. Wm. H. Ziegler, a student of the Theological Seminary, at Tiffin, Ohio, has been appointed to this mission, and enters on his work with encouraging prospects.

Piqua, O.—This is a German mission under the care of the Classis of Cincinnati. The mission, after being for some time without a pastor, is again supplied. Rev. G. Beisser is the missionary laboring at present in this field, with an appropriation of $250.

The Tuscarawas Classis appropriated, at its last annual meeting, $100 to Akron congregation, and $50 to the Mohican Charge. These appropriations have been paid by the Classis.

Lancaster Classis has appropriated $300 to the Somerset Mission, and $150 to the Jerusalem Charge. What has been paid to these points has been by this Classis

St. John's Classis has given missionary aid [illegible] nt of $100

to the mission at Bellaire, Ohio. The missionary is Rev. Henry Nau.

None of the other Classes that have Boards of their own having reported to us, we can give no account of their operations. We know, however, that considerable missionary work has been done by them.

We think one of the chief reasons why more money has not come into the treasury of the Board is because the work is too much divided and localized. As long as a majority of the Classes carry on their missionary work independent of the Synod's Board, there can be no unity nor centralization, nor can the missionary points in the weak and newly-organized Classes be properly cared for. The old and well-established Classes ought for this, and other reasons, to co-operate with the Synod's Board, and through it take care of our entire missionary field. We would suggest, in order that this desirable object be secured, that the Synod request the Classes to dissolve their Boards, and give permission to each Classis that may desire to do so, to appoint one of their members a member of the Board elected by the Synod. This, we think, ought to satisfy all the Classes, and secure their hearty co-operation, as the interests of each can in this way be fully provided for.

Quite a number of destitute points have made application to the Board for help, and for men to supply them with the stated means of grace, but as the Board has neither men nor the means, they could not comply with their request.

The Board has not appointed a Superintendent of Missions as no one seemed willing to undertake it, nor could we see how the salary could be met. If a suitable person could be found to take charge of the Boards of Church Erection and of Missions, and the expense equally divided, it might be desirable to make the trial. The interest is of such importance and magnitude that it ought to be well attended to.

The Board would suggest that the Synod, if possible, endeavor to devise and adopt such measures at its present meeting as will awaken a deeper, wider, and more permanent interest in the work of missions. Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Pres. Board of Missions.*

2. *Report of Treasurer of Home Missions.*

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod.*

	DR.
Rev. J. Heckman, Salem Reformed Church, Cincinnati	$25 00
Prof. C. Hornung	5 00
Bloomville Charge	5 00
Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Waterloo Charge	13 70
J. G. St. Clair, Treasure for St. Joseph Classis	14 05
Rev. J. A. Peters, Alexandria, Pennsylvania Congregation	18 89
Mrs. Kisebeth, of Bascom, Ohio	2 00
P. Grammes, Treasurer of 2d Reformed Church of Tiffin, Ohio	35 00
Jos. L. Lemberger, Treasurer of Ursinus Union	50 00
Rev. W. B. Sandoe, Salem Congregation	6 00
" Jesse Richards, " " Fremont	15 00
Jos. L. Lemberger, Treasurer of Ursinus Union	106 50
H. A. Forney, Treasurer of Board of Systematic Beneficence of North Carolina Classis	14 25
Rev. C. F. Kriete, Ladies' Mite Society of Bascom, Ohio	7 00
" " Salem Congregation of Berwick Charge	2 50
Jacob Thomas, Springfield, Ohio	5 00
Rev. J. A. Peters, Alexandria, Pennsylvania Congregation	14 64
Dr. C. J. Geiger, 1st Reformed Church, Canton, Ohio	12 00
Miamisburg Congregation	25 00
Greenville, Ohio, Congregation	5 00
Rev. H. Shaull, Union Charge	8 00
A. H. Baughman, Treasurer of Miami Classis, St. Paris Congregation	8 33
Rev. Beade, Bloom Center Charge	2 50
J. C. St. Clair, Treasurer of St. Joseph Classis	82 85
Rev. G. W. Henning, St. Paul's and St. Peter's Congregations	8 00
" F. W. Kremer, Ursinus Union	105 00
" I. A. Sites, Dakota, Illinois Charge	8 50
" E. H. Otting, Warren Charge	5 00
" J. A. Keller, Christian Dubach	2 00
" " Mrs. B. Isely	50
Basil Ohio Charge } per Treasurer of Lancaster Classis	.... 10 00
Tarleton " } per Treasurer of Lancaster Classis	.... 6 00
Winchester " } per Treasurer of Lancaster Classis	.... 5 00
Jerusalem Congregation } per Treasurer of Lancaster Classis	.... 3 00
Rev. J. A. Peters, Alexandria, Pennsylvania Congregation	11 68
" H. Shumaker, Springboro Charge	15 00
" L. H. Kefauver, 1st Reformed Church, Tiffin	30 00
" A. Casselman, Fostoria Charge	7 50
" J. R. Skinner, Winamac "	9 60
" F. W. Kremer, Ursinus Union	73 50
" P. C. Prugh, New Madison Charge	6 25
" R. B. Reichard, Greenville, Ohio, Congregation	5 30
" J. A. Peters, Alexandria, Pennsylvania "	11 00
" J. A. Keller, Denver Congregation	6 25
" " " Sabbath School	3 00
" G. W. Williard, D. D., Fort Seneca Charge	50 00
" S. B. Yockey, Xenia Sabbath School	40 00
" " Beaver " "	13 00
Galion Mission	8 53
Carried over,	$821 86

Brought forward,	$821 86
Rev. J. Bachman, 1st Reformed Congregation, Cincinnati	38 00
" J. Heckman, Salem Reformed Congregation "	50 00
Three persons of Xenia Congregation	10 35
Winamac Charge, per Rev. J. R. Skinner	5 50
2d Reformed Congregation, Dayton, per Rev. O. J. Accola	12 50
Cincinnati Classis	79 50
	$1117 67

CONTRA.

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Balance due Treasurer on settlement last year	$ 6 98
Paid to Rev. R. B. Reichard	129 80
" " H. Williard	73 53
" " J. A. Keller	242 75
" " S. P. Myers	197 94
" " P. C. Prugh	70 39
" " J. V. Lerch	76 00
" " J. A. Nicolai	68 50
" " Charles Wieser	50 00
" " H. Rusterholtz	25 00
" " G. Z. Mechling, per Dr. Williard	50 00
" " D. K. Fulcason	50 00
" " Emanuel Schultz	56 85
" G. W. Poormann for Rev. L. M. Kerschner	22 50
" Tiffin Savings Bank, Money borrowed	10 00
" " " interest on "	9 08
" Expressage on money package	25
" For collecting check	25
" President and Secretary for postage, stationery, etc	13 80
" Rev. H. Rusterholtz	104 00
" " G. Beisser	76 00
Total	$1333 62
Amount due Treasurer	215 95

AGGREGATE.

Received by Synod's Board	1117 67
" " Classical Boards	607 92
Total	$1725 59
Disbursed by Synod's Board	1333 62
" " Classical Boards	578 31
	$1911 93

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF CLASSICAL BOARDS.

Received by Lancaster Classis	374 70
Disbursed " " "	378 31
Received " East Ohio "	83 22
Disbursed " " " "	50 00
Tuscarawas " Received and disbursed	150 00

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of Board of Church Erection.*

The Board of Church Erection met at Wadsworth, Medina County, Ohio, after the meeting of Synod, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. Henry M. Herman, President; Rev. David Van Horne, Secretary; Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, Treasurer.

Rev John Kuelling removed from the bounds of Synod, and soon afterward Rev. D. Van Horne accepted a call to Philadelphia. These two removals rendered the Board unable to carry forward its work with any degree of success. Revs. Goss and Loose, living so far away, were not able to meet once. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey was appointed in Bro. Kuelling's place, and a new by-law adopted to cover such contingencies in the future, which the present Synod will do well to sanction.

Also, it is becoming in this Synod so to organize this Board as to bring the members together. Let them be chosen from one locality, or as nearly so as possible. The present Board is absolutely helpless.

Under many discouragements we labored the past year. At the meeting of Synod, at Miamisburg, Rev. G. Z. Mechling and Elder Nathan Jacoby made such favorable overtures to Synod with reference to the Hamilton Church that Synod accepted, and placed the sum of two thousand dollars, to be raised by the Board of Church Erection —eight hundred dollars in money and twelve hundred dollars due the College—the latter needed only the interest to be paid. The Board succeeded in paying the eight hundred dollars by accepting a loan made by Dr. Williard and Rev. Kefauver, of three hundred dollars, and owe yet sixty-five dollars. The pledges made at Synod in good faith are not all paid yet. When will we learn to regard our promises to the Church as binding as we would to a fellow-man? We held three meetings during the year, and we sent out one hundred and fifty cards soliciting aid for our work. We appealed to the pastors and such members of the Church as we thought would give us a little at least. Not ten dollars were realized. How sad it is to chronicle such a want of interest in such an important work. We have accomplished something the past year. Hamilton Church is saved, and the interest, under the efficient labors of Bro. Mechling, are growing and bid fair to become a tower of strength in our Zion.

The incoming Board will be expected to pay Dr. Williard the money loaned, three hundred dollars, and the annual interest on

twelve hundred dollars to the Trustees of Heidelberg College. It is to be hoped that in the future a more active and earnest interest will be manifested in the work of this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *President.*

4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.*

REV. S. B. YOCKEY, *Treasurer in Account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod.*

				DR.
1875.				
June	25	Received of	Rev. J. Kuelling,	$ 25 01
Oct.	8	" "	Rev. L. H. Kefauver,	50 00
"	10	" "	Elder Henry Leonard,	25 00
"	15	" "	Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D.,	35 00
"	"	" "	Rev. F. W. Berleman, per Rev. J. Kuelling,	7 40
Dec.	26	" "	Xenia Charge,	14 84
"	28	" "	Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D.,	400 00
1876.				
Feb.	12	" "	Xenia Charge,	8 95
"	"	" "	Rev. Geo. H. Leonard,	25 00
April	18	" "	Xenia Charge,	9 00
May	14	" "	Xenia Charge,	11 00
				$611 20

			CR.
1875.		CONTRA.	
June	25	Express Charges,	$ 25
Oct.	8	Paid for Postal Cards and Printing,	2 25
"	"	Book for the Use of Secretary,	4 00
"	"	Paid to Rev. G. Z. Mechling, Hamilton, Ohio,	135 00
Dec.	28	" " " " " "	100 00
"	"	" " " " " "	400 00
1876.			
May	18	For Stationery,	1 00
			$642 50
		Balance due the Treasurer,	$31 30

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of Committee on Home Missions.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions submitted their report, which was received, amended, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted:

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to submit their report. We return to the Synod the documents referred to us, consisting of,

1. The Report of the Board of Missions; 2. Report of the President of the Board of Church Erection; 3. Report of the Treasurer of Church Erection; 4. Report of the Treasurer of Missions.

In regard to the financial standing of the Board, we find that both Boards are in debt. The Synod is in debt to the Board of Missions to the amount of $212.95, and there is now due to the missionaries the amount of nearly $2,200—making a total indebtedness of over $2,400. The Board of Church Erection reports that there is a debt of $42.34, which must also be provided for as well as the mission debt.

We call the special attention of the present Synod to the Greenville Mission. The different matters referred to in the reports are brought out in the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod require the dissolution of all Classical Boards of Missions.

Resolved, That all Missions be brought immediately under the care of Synod's Board.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be enlarged by the addition of one member from each Classis, to be elected by such Classes as may desire such representation.

Resolved, That the entire debt of the Boards of Missions and of Church Erection be apportioned among the different Classes, and that the Classes be requested to make earnest efforts for the immediate collection of the money.

Resolved, That an election be held by this Synod for a Missionary Superintendent.

Resolved, That the Greenville Mission, in Darke County, Ohio, be referred to the Board of Church Erection, with instruction to take immediate action for its relief.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

III. Report of Committee on Apportionment.

During the morning session of the last day of the sessions, the subject in the fourth resolution of the report of the Committee on Missions, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Peter C. Prugh, Edwin R. Williard, George H. Leonard, and Elders Thomas W. Chapman and Frank Slaymaker. This Committee,

during the evening session of the same day, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee, appointed to apportion $2,380.00, the present indebtedness of the Boards of Missions and of Church Erection, would recommend that the said amount be apportioned among the several Classes as follows:

Miami	$650 00	Eastern Ohio	$320 00
Lancaster	320 00	Northern Illinois	50 00
Tuscarawas	320 00	St. Joseph's	150 00
Tiffin	320 00	Cincinnati	100 00
St. John's	150 00		$2,380 00

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

IV. Election of Superintendent of Missions.

The subject of the election of Superintendent of Missions, referred to in item 4 of the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes, having been deferred until after the reception of the reports of the Boards of Missions and of Church Erection, was taken up during the evening session of the last day of the sessions. The Synod proceeded with the election by ballot, after Revs. Theodore J. Bacher and Edwin R. Williard had been appointed tellers, and the election resulted in the choice of Rev. John M. Kendig.

Thereupon the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the subject of the acceptance and the salary of the Superintendent elect be referred to the Boards of Missions and of Church Erection.

Resolved, That, as ministers and elders of Synod, we pledge our hearty co-operation with the Superintendent elect, and that whenever he sees proper to visit our churches and houses, we give him a cordial reception.

V. Election of Board of Home Missions.

Revs. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Jer. H. Good, D. D., Lewis H. Kefauver, Oswald J. Accola, and Elders Lewis Keller and Frank Slaymaker.

VI. Election of Board of Church Erection.

Revs. Samuel B. Yockey, Peter C. Prugh, Henry M. Herman, and Elders Joseph F. Kemp and Benjamin Kuhns.

On motion:

Resolved, That the Board of Church Erection be authorized to fill any vacancy that may occur in it during the year.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. The Annual Reports.

The following reports were received and referred:

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary would submit the following report:

The Board organized by the election of Rev. David Winters, D. D., President; Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, Secretary; and Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer.

The Board have nothing special to report, nor to suggest, at present; except that the term of office of A. H. Baughman and B. Kuhns will expire, and by removal of Rev D. Van Horne to Philadelphia, there will be a vacancy. It will be necessary, therefore, for Synod to elect two regular members and fill the vacancy.

For the financial condition of the Seminary Board, the Synod is referred to the Treasurer's report, which is herewith presented.

DAVID WINTERS, *President.*

2. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, at Tiffin, Ohio.*

Moneys received during the Synodical year ending May 17, 1876.

1875.		DR	
May	1	To balance in the Treasury	$ 239 62
	18	Catharine Klingler, Ada, O., interest on note	6 00
	25	Jacob Zimmerman, Marshallville, O., interest	12 10
	26	Christian Gross & Bro., Philadelphia, Pa., interest	30 00
		Carried over,	$287 72

1875.

		Amount brought forward.	DR. $287 72
June	11	Leonard A. Snyder, Hog Creek, O., interest	9 00
	30	Samuel Schmidt, Dakota, Ill., interest	6 00
July	10	F. Bolender, $6 and P. C. Reedy $6, Buena Vista, Ill., interest	12 00
	18	Rev. F. W. Berleman and Wm. Huber, each $1.50, interest	3 00
	20	Rev. Dr. D. Winters, Dayton, O., interest	27 00
Aug.	2	Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, Tiffin, O., interest	16 00
	3	Samuel Crist, Fairfield County, O., interest	6 00
	25	Cath. Fauver $3, and Thos. L. Prugh $1.50, interest	4 50
Sept.	21	Jacob Sullivan, Orangeville, Ill., interest	3 00
		Daniel Wampler, Massillon, O., interest	3 00
Oct.	16	Jacob Rust, Dialton, O., interest	6 00
Nov.	1	D. W. Winters & Bro., Dayton, O., interest	52 00
		First Reformed Church, Dayton, O., interest	28 00
		Dayton City Bonds, interest	360 00
		Montgomery County Bond, interest	20 00
		N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin O., interest	200 00
	12	S. Hetrick & E. Klingler, Ada, O., each $3 interest	6 00
Nov.	22	Lydia Musser, Marshallville, O., interest	3 00
Dec.	31	Mast & Albert, Bluffton, Ind., interest	4 00
1876.			
Jan.	4	John Kipfer, Upper Sandusky, O., interest	1 50
		Abel Peterson, per Rev. T. H. Winters, interest	3 00
	17	John Royer, Flat Rock, O., interest	12 00
Feb.	1	Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, Tiffin, O., interest	24 00
		Rev. Dr. H. Rust, Tiffin, O., interest	40 00
	4	Mrs. Mary A. Winters, Dayton, O., interest	48 00
	7	Samuel Moyer, Ridott, Ill., interest	12 00
	18	Wm. Hawk's estate, Shelby, O., interest	12 00
		Geo. Bowman $3, and J. Briner $1.50, Shelby, O., interest	4 50
Apr.	1	Dayton City Bonds, intererst	80 00
		Montgomery County Bond, interest	20 00
	3	Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst, Orangeville, Ill., interest	8 50
	10	I. A. Fisher, Canal Fulton, O., interest	6 00
	29	Jacob Gephart, Miamisburg, O., interest	1 50
May	1	Dayton City Bonds, interest	280 00
		Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, O., interest	200 00
	6	John Siegfried, Springboro, O., interest	1 50
	12	Rev. Dr. D. Winters, Dayton, O, interest	30 00
		Mrs. M. A. Winters, Dayton, O., interest	48 00
		D. W. Winters & Bro., Dayton, O., interest	52 00
		First Reformed Church, Dayton O., interest	28 00
	17	Rev. Dr. S. B. Leiter, Wadsworth, O., interest	6 00
		CONTRA.	$1974 72

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Moneys paid out during the Synodical year ending May 17, 1876.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Good on salary in full to May 1	$ 900 00
Rev. Dr. H. Rust, " " " " "	900 00
Interest on money borrowed to pay Prof. salary	2 50
Charges on bank drafts, etc	1 63
For Catalogues of College and Theol. Seminary	10 00
For stationery, postage, etc	10 00
Balance in the Treasury	150 59
	$1974 72

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1875		DR.	
May 1	To balance in the Treasury	$ 713	87
25	Jacob Zimmerman, per H. L. note in full	25	00
July 10	Fred Bolender, Buena Vista, Ill., note in full	50	00
	Peter C. Reedy, " " " "	50	00
Oct. 16	D. Thoman, deceased, East Lewisburg, O.	14	60
Nov. 22	Lyda Musser, Marshallville, O., note in full	25	00
1876.			
Apr. 1	Four Dayton City bonds	2000	00
8	Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst, Orangeville, Ill., note in full	16	50
		$2894	47

FUNDS INVESTED.

1875.		CR.	
May 1	First Reformed Church, Dayton, O.,	$ 700	00
1876.			
Apr. 8	Farmer's Friend Manufacturing Co., Dayton, O.,	2000	00
May 17	Balance in the Treasury	194	47
		$2894	47

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

This Board, operating as a Board of Visitors and of Beneficiary Education, held its annual meeting on the 15th of June, 1875, all the members being present. They attended the examinations in the Seminary, which proved to be satisfactory.

Twenty-four students have been connected with the Seminary during the year about to close.

Messrs. John S. Stoner, Frank. C. Witthoff, Milton J. Frank, Jerome B. Henry, Edward D. Wettach, Fred. J. Saurbier, Reuben Keller and Joseph L. Schartz were admitted in full, and David J. Meese, Fred. W. Stump, Alpheus E. Baichley and David Scheibenberger in part.

Lewis Grosenbaugh and Charles M. Schaaf, of the Senior Class, and Charles F. Kriete, Amos Casselman, W. J. Peters, William H. Ziegler, Emil P. Herbruck and Scott F. Hershey, of the Middle Class, were regularly dismissed, with the view of entering immediately upon the active duties of the ministry.

It became the unpleasant duty of the Board to suspend Mr. D. J. Greenawald from the Seminary.

There are in the Seminary at present the following named students: Allen K. Zartman, G. W. H. Smith and Joseph L. Schatz, of the Middle Class, and Alpheus E. Baichley, J. N. Bachman, Milton J. Frank, Jerome B. Henry, David J. Meese, Reuben Keller,

John S. Stoner, Fred. J. Saurbier, Fred. W. Stump, Edward D. Wettach and Frank. C. Witthoff, of the Junior Class.

The Professors report the progress of the students as being commendable and their habits studious.

Education.

The students receiving aid from this Board are as follows: Messrs. A. K. Zartman, M. J. Frank, J. B. Henry, J. S. Stoner, F. J. Saurbier, E. D. Wattach, F. C Witthoff, A. E. Baichley, Jacob Ihle, D. Scheibenberger, R. L. Oplinger, O. P. Phares, J. H. Albright, D. J. Meese, W. F. Harpster, J. M. Kerstetter, Charles Cross, J. N. Bachman and Edward Beck.

As it is "the duty of the President of the College and the President of the Seminary to make an annual report of the scholarship and Christian standing of beneficiaries, in their respective departments, to the Classes under whose care they are," according to Article 4 of the Rules of the Board, it is useless to refer to them here. We need but say that the studious habits of the beneficiary students are commendable.

The report of the Treasurer shows a sad deficiency, which should claim the earnest attention of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *President.*

4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

REUBEN GOOD, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod.*

	DR.	
To amount in the Treasury, April 18, 1875		$ 21 30

Miami Classis.

Rev. J. H. Beck	$ 5 00	
" S. B. Yockey, Xenia	56 05	
" S. Mease, D.D., Treasurer	97 17	
" R. B. Reichard, Greenville	3 70	
" D. Winters, D. D., Mt. Zion Charge	42 00	
" Wm. McCaughey, Miamisburg "	20 00	
" H. Shaull	8 00	
" L. M. Kerschner, New Madison	11 25	
" H. Shumaker, Springboro	8 00	
" J. M. Le Fevre, Fairfield	16 00	
		$267 17

Brought forward		$267 17

Lancaster Classis.

Rev. H. Williard, Treasurer	88 00	
" G. H. Leonard, Basil	100 00	
" A. Henry, Kinnickkinnick	5 00	
" C. W. Hoyman, Somerset	45 17	
" J. Heffley, Treasurer	50 00	
" J. Klingler, Stoutsville	5 27	
		238 44

Eastern Ohio Classis.

Rev. J. J. Leberman, Louisville Charge	36 58	
" Geo. M. Albright, New Lisbon "	28 00	
" E. H. Otting, Warren "	28 07	
" M. A. Miller, Carrollton "	10 00	
" J. M. Kendig, Columbiana "	12 00	
Mt. Olivet Congregation	10 87	
		120 52

Tiffin Classis.

Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., Glade Union	6 45	
" S. Ream, Heidelberg Charge	5 00	
" L. H. Kefauver, First Church, Tiffin	25 00	
" J. Richards, Fremont	6 00	
Zion's Charge	17 10	
Olive Chapel	90	
Bascom Congregation	28 14	
		88 59

St. John's Classis.

Dr. C. J. Geiger	10 00	
Rev. H. Hilbish, Wooster	63 00	
" J. C. Klar	32 73	
		105 73

Illinois Classis.

Rev. I. A. Sites		16 50

Heidelberg Classis.

Rev. Wm. Herr, Sulphur Springs		40 00

Sundry Sources.

W. E. Schmertz	27 00	
Rev. J. A. Keller, Denver	8 60	
" C. Baum	5 00	
Jacob H. Mace	10 00	
McKay Congregation	6 00	
Rev. H. H. Sandoe	1 00	
Mrs. Scheff	5 00	
		62 60
		960 85
To amount due Boarding Hall, May 15, 1876		461 04
		$1421 89

CONTRA. CR.		
By Balance of last year paid Boarding Hall	96 96	
" Amount paid Beneficiaries	1317 25	
Interest, Expressage and Postage	2 40	
	$1416 61	
Balance in the Treasury	5 28	
		$1421 89

Respectfully submitted,
REUBEN GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the preceding reports had been referred, presented their report, which was received, amended, and, together with the aforesaid reports, adopted:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary and Education would submit the following as their report:

That the papers placed in their hands were: 1. The report of the Board of Trustees; 2. The report of the Treasurer of the Board; 3. The report of the Board of Visitors; 4. The report of the Treasurer of Beneficiary Education.

From these reports it appears that the financial condition of the Theological Seminary is favorable, but that the interest on bonds and notes should be paid up more regularly when due, in order to enable the Treasurer to meet promptly the salary of the Professors. To this end, the several pastors and officers of congregations should more generally co-operate with the Treasurer in collecting the interest.

The report of the Board of Visitors reveals an encouraging state of things in the attendance of young men upon the theological course laid down, as well as in their attainments and deportment. And the disciplinary measures introduced by the Board also demonstrate to the Synod the encouraging fact that the moral and religious habits of the young men are carefully guarded and watched, even to the suspension of the members brought under the supervision of the Board, when such habits or conduct clash with the moral purity of Christian life, or the virtuous dignity of the holy ministry. The Synod should, therefore, be grateful to the Board for such valuable services.

The report also reveals a deviation of the Board from the much-desired rule of Synod as regards the entire completion

course of theological training. And while it is true that compulsory circumstances sometimes drive the Board to violate the desire of the Synod on this important duty, yet the Board should be deeply impressed with the thought that only extraordinary cases should cause them to yield to setting aside the regular order of study and duty set forth by the Synod. The Board should be urged ever to impress the idea of personal consecration in talent and time upon the students, while in their disciplinary course of theological training. The age demands good hearts and thorough minds in the gospel ministry that the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ may never vacate or concede to the enemy her positions in apologetics or polemics, but ever stand firm in that theology in type and principle which has been bequeathed to us by our Reformed fathers by many a severe struggle with false ecclesiasticism on the one hand and base sensuality on the other.

The following resolution is recommended for adoption:

Resolved, That Synod call the attention of all young men preparing for the gospel ministry to the able address on Education, by Dr. E. M. Epstein, of Cincinnati.

The report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund brings to view the most disheartening aspect of our educational beneficiary work in that of a *depleted* treasury. The neglect of duty in this important enterprise of Christian benevolence strikes terror in more than one department of our church life and usefulness.

1st. It reflects upon the Church at large with benumbing coldness a sad state of infidelity to one of her sacred duties and usages.

2d. It threatens the security and utility of our students' boarding-hall.

3d. It encumbers the professors with cares, anxieties, and almost endless perplexity.

4th. It burdens the mind of the student, and *want*, with its handmaiden despondency, takes possession of the heart wherever glowing and ripening thought should develop itself into rich and luxuriant fruit of knowledge and happiness. A debt is upon us, and one large enough also to cripple many heads and hearts as well as to throw the chills of discouragement upon some of our most worthy projects. It is for this Synod, therefore, to devise some means by which this emergency may be met.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE J. BACHER, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Boards of Theological Seminary.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Names.	*Term Expires.*
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	May, 1877.
Rev. Henry M. Herman	" "
Rev. David Winters, D. D.	May, 1878.
Gideon G. Prugh	" "
Andrew H. Baughman	May, 1879.
Benjamin Kuhns	" "

2. BOARD OF VISITORS.

Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, Michael Loucks, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Reuben Good, John Bachman, Henry Hilbish and John Vogt.

IV. Request Respecting Licensing Candidates, Etc.

The Committee on the Minutes of Classes, during Saturday morning's session, reported in item 12 that Iowa Classis reiterated its request to Synod to correct a certain mistake in regard to the licensing of candidates for the ministry. This request was referred to a Committee, consisting of Revs. John M. Kendig, Jonathan A. Novinger, and Elder John W. Bishop. This Committee, during the morning session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your Committee, to whom was referred item 12 in the Report of Committee on Minutes of Classes, referring to a request from Iowa Classis regarding a misunderstanding of the action of Iowa Classis, by the Synod, beg leave to report. They have examined the request, and present the following as sufficient action:

The Synod of Ohio, at Shelbyville, Illinois, took certain action in regard to the examination and licensure of candidates for the ministry. (See page 25, Minutes of Synod, at Shelbyville.) Several Classes requested Synod to reconsider its action, but Iowa Classis took the following action :

"*Resolved*, That this Classis heartily approves of the aforesaid action of Synod in reference to the licensing of candidates for the ministry.

"*Resolved*, That we earnestly entreat Synod not to repeal said action,

but to enforce it, believing that it is wise and judicious, as well as strictly constitutional."

The second resolution refers to Synod's own action, and not to any action of Iowa Classis. This action was reported to the Synod at Wooster by the Committee on Classical Minutes in this form: Item 16, page 11. "The same Classis asks Synod not to be required to repeal its action in reference to licensing candidates."

It can easily be seen that this is not what Iowa Classis requested. At the annual meeting of Classis of Iowa after the Synod of Wooster, *i. e.*, in the fall of 1874, "Classis requested Synod to correct this misrepresentation of its previous action in the matter of licensing candidates."

This second request of Iowa Classis, for the correction of Synod's item, was brought before the Synod of Miamisburg in the Report of Committee on Minutes of Classis in this form: Item 11—(d.) p. 10. Iowa Classis "requests Synod to correct its action of last year in reference to licensing candidates for the ministry."

On this action Synod resolved that it sees no reason for changing its deliverance on this subject, adopted during its sessions at Wooster. See p. 10.

Again, the purport of the action of Iowa Classis was misapprehended, and Synod led into action not requested. It will be seen that in its original action Iowa Classis *commends* Synod's action, but that at Wooster it was misinterpreted, and the request of Iowa Classis to change this wrong item was again misinterpreted in a strange way at Miamisburg.

Your Committee hope that this statement will sufficiently explain the matter, and recommend the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod regrets the previous misunderstanding between the Synod and Iowa Classis into which it had been unconsciously led by its Committee, and adopted the above statement as a sufficient action.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

V. Plan of Operation in Beneficiary Education.

The following action was adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That the Ohio S[illegible]ds to the several Classes within its bounds, the plan s[illegible]uscarawas Classis in its

operations in beneficiary education, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to place a copy of the Blank (Beneficiary) Report and instructions of the above-named Classis in the Archives of Synod, and that a copy be sent to each Classis of this Synod.

VI. Address on Education.

During the afternoon session of the third day (Friday) of the sessions, an opportunity having been afforded by the Synod, Ephraim M. Epstein, M. D., delivered an address before the Synod on the subject of *Education.*

At the conclusion of his address, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of Synod are hereby tendered to Ephraim M. Epstein, M. D., for his able and instructive address on Education.

Resolved, That he is hereby respectfully requested to furnish a copy of his address for publication in the *Christian World.*

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

I. The Annual Reports.

The following reports were received and referred:

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

According to rule of Synod, the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College would hereby make its annual report. Nothing of very special importance has occurred during the year Everything has moved along quietly and prosperously. The Professors have all remained in the several departments, except in the case of the German Professor, and have filled the positions assigned them with fidelity and satisfaction.

The attendance has been encouraging, as will be seen from the catalogue just published, according to which there has been ninety students in the College proper, and seventy-five in the Academical Department—making a total of one hundred and sixty-five. This,

although not as large a number as we had last year, is nevertheless encouraging, taking the financial pressure of the times into consideration. It is also gratifying to know that it is the largest attendance of any of the institutions of the Church, notwithstanding the Synod, under whose supervision it is, is comparatively small in its membership and resources.

The conduct and proficiency of the students have, upon the whole, been commendable. The present Senior class numbers eighteen members—being the same as last year. The course of study remains the same, with the exception of a few changes in text-books.

Special efforts are being made to have a large attendance of the alumni and friends of the College present at the Commencement in June. The Excelsior and Heidelberg Literary Societies intend to have reunions, as do the different classes that have graduated in the college. These reunions, with the addition of "Class Day," as it is usually termed, which is to be observed for the first time in the history of this College, will, we trust, make it an occasion of special interest and importance.

Our financial agent, H. Leonard, has done but little during the year in consequence of the stringency of the times, the result of which is, no addition has been made to the endowment except in the sale of a few scholarships by the President, whose time has been so fully taken up in teaching and overseeing the general interests of the College that he has not been able to go out in the Church, as much as might have been desired, to advance its interests and prosperity. A number of visits, however, were made during the year in different pastoral charges, which were attended with good results.

The expense of running the College this year will be about six thousand five hundred dollars. Of this amount about nine hundred dollars have been expended in improvements on the College building and grounds, insurance etc., making the actual expense about five thousand five hundred dollars, which is, in all probability, a less sum than has been expended by any College in the State. No tutors were employed during the year, as the income would not justify, which made it necessary for the Professors to perform extra labor.

From these statements it will be seen that the endowment is not what it should be to place the College on a solid and easy basis. As it is, the Professors are required to perform too much labor, with inadequate salaries. To remedy this, and also to enable the Board of Trustees to employ, if possible, additional teaching force, the Faculty have thought it advisable to follow the example of other

colleges in making special account of the present Centennial in the way of adding to the endowment. The occasion calls for special gratitude to God in view of what he has done for our land during the hundred years of our history. It is believed that our people will cheerfully make donations to our institutions in view of the great good which they have conferred upon the Church, if their needs are only properly stated. Under this conviction, circulars have been sent to the friends of the College urging them to unite in their contributions in rearing a monument worthy of the occasion. Should the plan meet with the hearty co-operation of the Church, and succeed, as we trust it will, it is our intention to give a short history of the College, with the names of all who may contribute in sums of one dollar and upward.

In the hope that the Synod may continue its fostering care to the College, and adopt such measures as will lead to its greatest prosperity and usefulness, we, the undersigned, respectfully submit this report in behalf of Trustees of Heidelberg College.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. WILLIARD, *President.*
NELSON L. BREWER, *Treasurer.*

2. *Report of the Financial Agent.*

Owing to the "tight times" for money, this has been rather a barren year for my work. I made no effort during the year to increase the endowment. The short time I traveled, my attention was mainly directed to looking after old claims, and at the same time endeavoring to secure crumbs enough to pay expenses.

Much of the remainder of my time while I was at home, I spent in writing "duns" to delinquents. I am sorry to say that many have paid no attention at all to these earnest appeals. Others, I am glad to say, have answered in a respectful manner. Some pleading "hard times," "not able now to pay," but "have patience, and we will make all right." A few have responded nobly and paid up their interest. I hope many more may do likewise.

Financial Statement.

DR.

Old claims and interest collected		$626 09
Proceeds of allegorical lectures	$35 44	
Crumbs from the "old folks"	29 50	
From children	18 00	
		82 94
		709 03

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Paid over to the Board	$626 09	
Traveling expenses, postage, and stationery	62 86	
Balance in the hands of the Agent	20 08	
		$709 03

Miles traveled during the year, 1,219. Total miles traveled since the twenty-second day of January, 1857, 69,349.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY LEONARD, *Agent.*

P. S.—It is well known to all the readers of the the *Christian World* that I have been engaged in constructing a " Buckeye Ball " and miniature Buckeye college, being a *fac-simile* of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, which I am now exhibiting at the Great International Exhibition, at the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

I have had this Buckeye curiosity photographed (large plate) ten by twelve inches, all of which is respectfully dedicated to Heidelberg College.

If my friends, and the friends of our institutions at Tiffin, wish to help and patronize this project, all they have to do is to send me a " crumb " to Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio, the proceeds of which will all go to the College. I charge nothing for all my work.

H. L.

II. Report of Committee on Heidelberg College.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee would respectfully report as follows:

Two papers, 1st. That of the Trustees; 2d. That of the Agent, have been placed into our hands, the Board of Visitors failing to hand in any report of the work which was appointed them to do.

From the papers handed we are able, however, to learn that the College from year to year is moving forward accomplishing the end for which it was instituted. During the past year, notwithstanding the stringency of the times, the number of students attending the College has been equal to former years, and larger than any other College in our Church.

The progress of the students, in the course of study laid down by the Board of Trustees, is reported to be commendable, and their

deportment during the last year such as merit praise and admiration.

The finances of the College have been managed in a judicious way. Though the endowment is not large, the salaries of the professors as well as the incidental expenses have been met. This, however, has been accomplished through the self-denial and extra work of the faculty. The salaries of the professors are too small for the amount of labor performed. To remedy this deficiency, the faculty have inaugurated a plan in this Centennial year of American freedom, by which the funds may be raised to increase the salaries and make such other improvement as may be necessary for the prosperity of the College. Appeals have been sent to the ministry and membership in which they are asked to contribute liberally to the endowment fund of the Alumni Professorship. In this way it is proposed to erect a Centennial monument—something that will tell for the prosperity of the College, and for the good of those entering the institutions of the Ohio Synod. This matter ought to receive the careful attention of the ministry of the Church, and especially of those who have been reared and nurtured at Heidelberg College. The Agent, on account of the hard times, has been unable to accomplish much in the way of collecting funds for the endowment of the College. He has mainly been engaged in collecting back-standing dues.

Upon the whole, the Synod has reasons to rejoice and congratulate itself for the prosperity and the efficiency of the work done during the past year. It should put forth renewed efforts that the endowment be increased, and that its sphere of usefulness may be enlarged and extended.

In view of these things, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the reports of the Board of Trustees and of the Financial Agent be adopted.

Resolved, That this Synod censures the neglect of the Board of Visitors, and demands that the incoming Board hand in a report of their proceedings to the Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its satisfaction with the management and work accomplished by the institution, and continues to commend it to the patronage of the Church, as worthy of cordial financial support, and as a College where our children and friends may obtain a liberal and thorough education, and where they

may also, while obtaining a knowledge of the sciences and arts, have thrown around them the molding influences of the Christian religion.

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Boards of Heidelberg College.

1. *Board of Trustees.*

Names.	*Term Expires.*
Rev. Henry M. Herman	May, 1877.
Rev. John Vogt	" "
Thomas Swander	" "
Moses Marquis	" "
William L. Snyder	" "
John Poorman	" "
Rev. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D	May, 1878.
Rev. David Winters, D. D	" "
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss	" "
Rev. William McCaughey	" "
Rev. Jacob M. LeFevre	" "
Rev. John Kuelling	" "
Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D	May, 1879.
Rev. Herman Rust, D. D	" "
Lewis Keller	" "
William E. Schmertz	" "
Louis Baltzell	" "
Lewis Shriver	" "
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver	May, 1880.
Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D	" "
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq	" "
Hon. Thomas W. Chapman	" "
Upton F. Cramer, Esq	" "
Geo. P. Williard, M. D	" "

2. *Board of Visitors.*

Revs. Theodore J. Bacher, John J. Leberman, Michael Loucks, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., and Hiram Shaull.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

Christian Aid Society.

The Committee appointed by the last Synod to prepare a Constitution and By-Laws for a Relief Association, and referred to by the Committee on Synodical Minutes in item 7, submitted their report, which, after being received and discussed at length, was adopted; and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the establishment of an Association for the Relief of disabled and superannuated ministers needing support, and of widows or families of our deceased ministers as may need help, would report:

That they have given the subject a careful consideration, and believe that the Synod should now take prompt and decided action. It has long been a matter of grief to many that no provision has ever been made for such ministers, who, after having spent their lives in the service of the Church, were left to contend with poverty in their old age, and their families in some instances made to suffer for the want of some provision for their relief The Church should feel that those who have spent their lives in her service, at a comparatively small remuneration, should be well taken care of if they need it in their old age, when they are no longer able to labor, and that their families should also in such cases be provided for. To fail to do so must expose us to just reproach, and to the displeasure of God.

The Committee, knowing that Dr. E. M. Epstein had given much thought to the subject, invited him to meet with it for mutual consultation on the subject, and would suggest that he be allowed to address the Synod on the subject of a Provident Christian Aid Society.

After looking at the subject in all its various bearings, the Committee has come to the conclusion that the Synod should comprehend in its action more than was contemplated last year. To restrict the Society to ministers, and limit its charities to them and their families alone, would circumscribe it too much, so that it would hardly be possible to carry it forward vigorously under this form. We have, therefore, in the Constitution, which we have prepared and which

we now submit for adoption, included relief in times of sickness and death, as well as charity in the restricted sense of the Synod in its advice of last year, and would recommend to the Synod, should it see fit to approve of what we have done, to appoint at its present meeting a Board of Trustees and a General Secretary, as contemplated in the Constitution, and urge the members of the Church to form themselves into local societies, so that the Association may be formed and put into operation without further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD,
ISAAC H. REITER,
DAVID WINTERS,
OSWALD J. ACCOLA,
LEWIS KELLER,
} *Committee.*

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHRISTIAN AID SOCIETY

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

SECTION 1.—The name of this Society shall be as in the title.

SEC. 2.—The objects of this Society shall be:

(*a*) To secure to its members the sum of $5.00 per week in case of sickness.

(*b*) To secure to the heirs or assigns of its members the sum of not less than $100 and not more than $2,000, on the death of any one of them.

(*c*) To provide a General Relief Fund for the aged and indigent ministers and their families, and other members of our Church needing assistance.

ARTICLE II.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SOCIETY.

SEC. 1.—The Society shall be composed of such associations as shall be formed in the different congregations and pastoral charges of the Ohio Synod as may wish to promote the objects of this Society.

SEC. 2.—The general Society shall collect and disburse the funds of the local societies, in conformity with the rules and regulations herein adopted for their government.

SEC. 3—The local societies shall be the agents of the general

Society, for the collection of the moneys that shall become due from its members to the general Society's funds, in conformity with the herein adopted rules, and for the payment of the benefits that may become due them, their heirs or assigns.

SEC. 4.—Organization of local societies:

(*a*) Any number of individuals of one or more Reformed churches in the Ohio Synod, whether communicants or stated attendants, who are in ordinary good health, and between the ages of fifteen and sixty years, may constitute themselves into a local society or societies, and after subscribing their names to this Constitution, and electing a responsible Secretary, and paying the prescribed dues, shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits of the general Society.

(*b*) When so constituted, the local Society shall then have the right of admitting any individual of their church or churches, whose health is doubtful, or who are above the age of sixty, if, in its judgment, the rule of Christian charity justifies such action—it being understood that such a member be only entitled to half the amount of the benefits.

ARTICLE III.

REVENUES.

SEC. 1.—The revenues of the general Society shall be fifty cents from each member per month, for the sick fund; fifty cents at the death of any member of the Society, for the death fund; twenty-five cents initiation fee for each member; and twenty-five cents annually, per capita tax, for general expenses.

SEC. 2.—It shall be one of the special objects of the general Society, as stated in Article I., Sec. 2 (*c*), to provide for the necessities of superannuated and indigent ministers and their families, and such other members of the Church as may need aid. To enable the general Society to do this, there shall be an annual tax of fifty cents levied upon each member, which shall go to the General Relief Fund. All applications for aid from this fund shall be made to the Board of Trustees, by the Consistories, Classes, or Synod, recommending such applications as worthy objects of benevolence to the Society.

SEC. 3.—The local societies may collect twenty-five cents initiation fee, and twenty-five cents per capita tax annually from its members.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 1.—The general Society shall meet annually during the session of Synod, and shall be composed of one delegate from each local society; ten of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, who shall elect a president for one year, and who shall give notice of the time and place of the meeting during the session of Synod.

SEC. 2.—The members of local societies must meet for the transaction of business once a month, or oftener, if they choose.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL AND LOCAL SOCIETIES.

SEC. 1.—There shall be a Board of six Trustees, half of whom shall serve for the term of two years, half of whom shall be elected annually, and whose duties shall be:

(*a*) To open and examine the written ballots sent to it for the election of a general Secretary, and to declare that candidate elected who shall have the highest number of votes.

(*b*) To qualify the Secretary elect, by receiving his bonds, if found good and sufficient.

(*c*) To audit the accounts of the general Secretary annually, and declare them correct, if found so, or hold his bondsmen responsible for any deficiency

(*d*) To fix the salary of the general Secretary.

(*e*) In the event of the Secretary's office becoming vacant, by death or resignation, the Board is to appoint and qualify his successor for the remainder of his unexpired term.

(*f*) It shall be the duty of the Board to convene once a year, during the session of Synod.

SEC. 2.—Nomination and election of a general Secretary for one year.

(*a*) Two months before the meeting of Synod, nominations shall be made for that office by the Board of Trustees of two or more names, which shall be sent to the societies.

(*b*) The general Secretary shall be elected annually by written ballots, which shall be cast by every local society, who shall serve until his successor is inducted into office, and whose duty shall be:

(1.) To give bonds to double the amount of any money which is

likely to pass through his hands during the term of his office, and which shall be determined by the trustees.

(2.) To receipt for all dues and assessments sent to him by local societies, or any donations made to the funds.

(3.) On receiving a certified notice from a Secretary of a local society of the sickness of a member, he shall remit to him, or to any one whom that Secretary may designate, the sum of five dollars per week, either by post-office order, bank check, or any other safe mode.

(4.) On receiving a legally sworn statement of the death of a member from any local society, he shall issue assessment notices to the Secretary of every local society, stating the date and cause of the death, and the amount due from it, which is as many times fifty cents as it has reported members in good standing, and which is collectable within twenty days of the assessment notice.

(5.) Twenty days after the assessment was issued by him, he shall send a bank check to the amount due the heirs or assigns of the deceased member, to the Secretary of the local society, where the death took place, to be drawn by him or his order.

(6.) Each death assessment must be accompanied by a financial statement, giving the number of sick members, and the payments made to them; the number of deaths and assessments paid on them during the current year, and the number of local societies and their total membership to date.

(7.) He shall publish weekly in the English and German organs of the Ohio Synod, the name of each local society, where located, the name of its Secretary and his post-office address, and the number of its members in good standing.

(8.) It shall be his duty to make an annual report of the condition and doings of the Society during the year, which report he shall hand in to the President of the Board of Trustees, at least two weeks before the annual meeting of Synod, and by him it shall be transmitted to the Synod.

(9.) At the close of his term of office, he shall account to the Trustees for all moneys received and disbursed by him.

(10.) He is to correspond in the German with such local societies who use that language.

(11.) To deliver to the trustees, at their annual meeting, the sealed votes from the local societies for the candidate for general Secretary.

SEC. 3.—Every local Society shall elect annually a Secretary, who

shall be responsible to the general Society for all the monetary transactions with it, and through whom the general Secretary shall correspond with it. Any other officers the local society may elect at its option. The duties of the local Secretary shall be:

(1.) To collect and receipt for the initiation fee of twenty-five cents, and one advance assessment of fifty cents from every new member, and remit these by post-office order, or otherwise, safely to the general Secretary.

(2.) To collect the fifty cents monthly dues, and fifty cents annually, both in advance, for the general relief fund, from each member, and remit the same as above.

(3.) To collect the per capita tax of twenty-five cents, in advance, from each member of his society, and remit the amount as above.

(4.) To collect the death assessments immediately on their issue, from the members of his society, and transmit the amount safely and without delay to the general Secretary.

(5.) To report monthly the number of members in good standing in his society to the general Secretary.

(6.) To send annually, over his signature, the vote of his society for the office of general Secretary, in a sealed envelope to the general Secretary, with the superscription: Vote from society N. N. for general Secretary.

(7.) When a member becomes sick, and the fact is certified to in writing, by either the attending physician, the pastor of the church, or any of its elders, stating the time since the sickness began, the Secretary shall forward the certificate without delay to the general Secretary, and on receiving the sick benefits, shall convey them safely to the sick member, and obtain a receipt for them.

(8.) When a member dies, and his death is legally certified, the local Secretary shall forward the certificate without delay to the general Secretary, and on receiving the beneficiary money, shall pay it over to the heirs or assigns and get a receipt for it.

(9.) For the faithful discharge of his other duties, which the local society may choose to impose upon him, the local Secretary is responsible to it and not to the general Society.

ARTICLE VI.

BENEFITS, OBLIGATIONS AND PENALTIES OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 1.—When a member becomes sick and disabled from following the pursuit of his business, he is entitled to draw five dol-

lars per week from the sick benefit fund, during the time of his sickness. When drawing these benefits, the member must produce a written certificate, from either his attending physician, the pastor of his church, or one of the elders, stating the time and nature of the sickness, and place it in the hands of the local Secretary, who is to collect them for him or her from the general Secretary.

SEC. 2.—Failure of paying the monthly dues in advance deprives a member of the sick benefits for twenty days, during which time, if he pays up all his dues and assessments, he is again entitled to them. If not paid up within forty days after due time, then the name of the member may be erased from the local society, and declared as not entitled to either the sick or the death funds of the general Society.

SEC. 3.—When a member dies, his heirs or assigns are entitled to not less than one hundred dollars and not more than two thousand dollars from the death fund. When that sum is claimed, a legally sworn certificate must be placed in the hands of the local Secretary, stating the date of death, the age of the deceased, and the cause of his death. This the local Secretary must have before drawing from the death fund of the Society.

SEC 4.—Failure of paying an assessment within twenty days by a member, after it has been issued from the general Secretary, deprives his or her members and assigns of the benefits of the death fund, in case of death, but does not deprive him of his sick benefits. If not paid up within forty days, the name of the member may be erased from the local society, and declared as not entitled to either the death or the sick funds of the general Society.

SEC. 5.—Failure of paying dues or assessments imposed by local societies, as in Article III., Section 3, provided, works a similar forfeiture of benefits as above.

SEC. 6.—The election of members is by ballot and majority, either at the time of proposal or at the next session of the local society, as the majority of the members present shall choose.

SEC. 7.—Balloting for general Secretary must take place during the month preceding the meeting of Synod, and the result certified by the Secretary, inclosed in a sealed envelope and transmitted to the general Secretary, early enough for him to hand it to the Board of Trustees at their annual session.

SEC. 8.—No one can be considered a member of the general Society who has not fully complied with the rules and regulations of his local society.

SEC. 9.—A failure of a local society to comply with the rules and regulations of the general Society shall work a forfeiture of all the rights and benefits of its members to the funds of the general Society for twenty days, within which time it can be restored if it complies with the rules and regulations, and pays up all that is due from it to the general funds. If not done so within forty days, the society shall be erased from the list by the general Secretary.

SEC. 10.—By a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the general Society, the death legacy may be commuted into that of an endowment, and the same paid out during the life of the member.

SEC. 11.—Each member shall obtain a certificate of membership from the general Secretary, countersigned by the local Secretary, in which shall be stated the party or parties to whom the legacy from the death fund is made. A stub of such certificates to be kept by the general Secretary. Cost not to exceed fifteen cents.

SEC. 12.—When a member leaves one local society to join another, he must procure a clearance card from the local Secretary, and in the interval remit his post-office address to the general Secretary, as well as that which may become due from him to the funds. Failure to comply with this deprives a member of all the benefits from the funds.

SEC. 13.—No member is entitled to be received into a society on a clearance card unless his assessments and dues, which accrued during the interval of transition, are all paid up; otherwise he can only be balloted for and admitted as a new member.

ARTICLE VII.

A RESERVE AND ACCUMULATING FUND.

SEC. 1.—Twenty-five per cent. of each death assessment shall be kept as a reserve fund, to be applied to the payment on such deaths, which shall exceed one per cent. during the year, until either the fund is exhausted or the fiscal year has expired. This shall be continued until the number of the membership reaches that of five thousand, *i. e*, until the surplus at any one assessment amounts to five hundred dollars.

SEC. 2.—When the membership numbers over five thousand, then the amounts over five hundred dollars of the surpluses on each death assessment shall be accumulated until two thousand dollars,

which shall then be applied to the payment of a death without assessing the members on it.

SEC. 3.—The accumulation of the reserve fund shall continue until it reaches the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

SEC. 4.—Whenever the reserve fund is drawn upon, it shall be replenished to that extent the next following year by the twenty-five per cents., or the surpluses from death assessments, at the rate of five hundred dollars per assessment.

SEC. 5.—The money of the reserve fund shall not be given out in personal loans, nor shall it be invested in any property, except in first-class, interest-bearing, marketable bonds, which shall be deposited in a safe bank for safe-keeping, subject to the order of the trustees of the Society.

SEC. 6.—The face of these bonds shall be fully described in the annual account which the general Secretary is to render to the trustees, as well as in his financial statement accompanying every death assessment notice.

SEC. 7.—Any three members of the Society at large, producing certificates of membership from their local society or societies, and countersigned by the general Secretary, shall have the right of examining the deposited funds, but they must make and publish a sworn statement of the result of their examination.

ARTICLE VIII.

MEETING OF THE SOCIETY AT LARGE.

SEC. 1.—A majority of the local societies shall have the right of calling a general mass meeting of the members, through the general Secretary, which shall be presided over by the President of the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 2.—At such meetings amendments to this Constitution may be adopted after they have been proposed and published for not less than three months in both the English and German organs of the Ohio Synod.

SEC. 3.—No expenses of such meeting shall be charged to the funds of the general Society, except the necessary traveling expenses of the general Secretary.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to nominate

the Board of Trustees and the General Secretary called for in the aforesaid Constitution.

The Committee consists of Revs. Samuel Mease, D. D., Peter C. Prugh, and Elder Andrew H. Baughman. This Committee subsequently presented their report, which was received, and as amended adopted, and is as follows:

Synod's Committee on Nomination of Trustees of the Christian Aid Society, and of its General Secretary, report as follows:

For Board of Trustees: Revs. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Samuel Mease, D. D., John Bachman, and Elders Andrew H. Baughman, Lewis Keller and Benjamin Kuhns.

For General Secretary: Ephraim M. Epstein, M. D.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL MEASE, *Chairman.*

Address on Mutual Christian Aid.

During the morning session of the second day of the sessions, by permission of Synod, Ephraim M. Epstein, M. D., addressed the Synod at length on the general subject of Mutual Christian Aid. At the close of his address the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to Ephraim M. Epstein, M. D., for his elaborate and interesting address which he has just delivered before the Synod, and hereby request him to place it in the hands of the Editor of the *Christian World* for publication.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I. The Annual Reports.

The following reports were received and adopted:

1. *Report of Board of Sunday Schools.*

The Sunday-school Board appointed by the Synod during its last annual sessions, and to whom was intrusted the general Sunday-school interest within the bounds of the Ohio Synod, would respectfully report:

That the Board met in the First Reformed Church at Dayton, Ohio,

November 1, 1875, and organized by the election of Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., President, and Rev. Hiram Shumaker, Secretary; and held another meeting at the residence of the President, in Miamisburg, Ohio, March 8, 1876, to arrange a programme of services for the present Synod.

As a prelude to this report, and as a permanent record for this Centennial year, the Board would here present a brief historical review of the Sunday-school institution. The history of the Sunday-school system in America is yet unwritten. Its beginnings are rooted in the past. It is not definitely settled when, where, or by whom the *first* Sunday-school was started in this country. It is, however, certain that there are few, if any, Sunday-schools which can point to an unbroken history of seventy years. The American Sunday-school system, it may be safely asserted, owes its beginnings as a system to the American Sunday-school Union, organized in 1824. Previous to this time, especially between 1812 and 1824, Sunday-schools were organized in different places throughout the United States, but, after all, their number was comparatively few, and they existed without much unity or plan in their management. It is, therefore, historically true that the founders of the American Sunday-school Union, both as it relates to union and denominational schools, had much to do with founding the American Sunday-school system.

The history of Sunday-schools in the Reformed Church in the United States, exclusive of the substance thereof contained in our excellent catechetical system, dates back perhaps a little over fifty years. The subject in its earlier stages was beset with difficulties, and the progress made in organized efforts was slow, yet gradually onward. The most of our Sunday-schools have been organized within the last thirty or forty years, and the most substantial advancement has been made within the last ten or fifteen years. This is true in regard to our Church in general, and the Ohio Synod in particular. We now have 1,206 Sunday-schools, with about 12,000 teachers and 76,353 scholars, connected with the Reformed Church in the United States; and 250 schools, with 2,500 teachers and 18,000 scholars, belonging to the Ohio Synod.

The Sunday schools within the bounds of the Ohio Synod are represented in a good working condition, and during the past Synodical year have made commendable progress, improved in interest and method, increased in influence and efficiency, and, on the whole,

achieved valuable results. The general outlook is favorable and encouraging. The field presents a varied and interesting character, and requires more culture.

The Church should ever have an abiding interest in the Sunday-school, and use all proper means to promote its prosperity and efficiency. It has become an agency of acknowledged importance in the religious training and Christian culture of children and youth, and, while it has already wrought a great work, it is destined to accomplish greater results in the future . And in order to do our full share of this work with proper effect, we should, with trust in God, aim to aid in elevating the standard of truth and righteousness, aspire after higher attainments in Christian knowledge and practical efficiency, and move forward in supplying the needs and wants of our Sunday-schools. What are a few of these needs and wants?

1. We need to have the Sunday-school brought more fully under *the authority and direction of the Church.* The Sunday-school, in the absence of the "parochial-school," is properly the *Church-school*, in which the Bible-lesson and the Catechism should be taught. The Church, in adopting the Sunday-school as an integral part of herself, should not only exercise the functions of government over it, but also officially prescribe the doctrinal teaching of it, as well as of the pulpit, and have the teachers of her children properly educated and trained for their specific work; and the scholars identified with the school should be trained to a personal knowledge of Christ, and to attend the public services of the sanctuary as promptly and regularly as those of the school.

2. We need more *thorough and positive work:* (1) In point of organization, preparation and teaching; (2) a greater degree of personal consecration and fidelity; (3) a higher standard of teaching and of qualification; (4) more frequent and thorough reviews of the lessons taught; (5) in all things endeavor to conform to sound Christian principles and the order of the Church.

3. We need more *co-operative sympathy and help.* This is especially true with reference to parents and church-members. Christian men and women, as well as elders and deacons, for their own sake, and for the sake of others, should heartily enter into the life and spirit of the Sunday-school work, and render effective service. And to this end it is also recommended that all the Classes of this Synod establish Classical Sunday-school Associations as beneficial and helpful agencies in the good cause.

4. We need to impress all our pastors, officers and members with the importance of giving earnest attention and intelligent direction to the matter of establishing and sustaining Sunday-schools *in all our congregations*, as a quickening and efficient means of advancing the interests and prosperity of the Church.

5. We need a united and earnest effort to give a more substantial support and a wider circulation to our *Sunday-school publications*—the *Heidelberg Teacher*, *Lesson Papers*, and the *Leaves of Light*. They should be introduced and used in all our Sunday-schools.

Moreover, the Board, according to instruction, proposes to Synod, as containing a suitable series of topics relating to Sunday-schools for discussion during the present sessions, with the names of the speakers respectively annexed, the following

PROGRAMME:

I. *Saturday Evening, May* 20, 7½ *o'clock.*

1. "The Sunday-school and the Family." Rev. Henry Hilbish, *primarius*: Rev. Daniel Lantz, *secundus.*

2. "The Sunday-school and the Catechism." Rev. Jer. H. Good, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. Jonathan A. Novinger, *secundus.*

3. "The Sunday-school and the Pastor." Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. Theodore J. Bacher, *secundus.*

4. "The Sunday-school and the Consistory." Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, *primarius*; Rev. Jacob M. Le Fevre, *secundus.*

5. "The Sunday-school and the Congregation." Rev. William A. Hale, *primarius*; Rev. George H. Leonard, *secundus.*

6. "The Sunday-school and its Teaching Element." Rev. Cyrus Cort, *primarius*; Rev. John M. Kendig, *secundus.*

7. "The Sunday-school and the Press." Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. Edwin R. Williard, *secundus.*

8. "The Sunday-school and the World." Rev Sebastian C. Goss, *primarius*; Rev John R. Skinner, *secundus.*

The opening addresses shall not exceed ten minutes, and all others to be limited to five minutes.

II. *Sunday Afternoon, May* 21, 2½ *o'clock.*

There shall be a Sunday-school meeting held in this church, with a special reference to children, when addresses shall be delivered by Revs. Peter C. Prugh, Jeremiah M. Mickly and John J. Leberman.

The exercises, as a whole, shall be interspersed at proper intervals with prayer and appropriate music.

Respotfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *President.*

At the appointed time, the discussion of the topics proposed in the foregoing programme took place. The discussion on the *third* topic was introduced by Rev. Theodore J. Bacher; that on the *fourth* by Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver; that on the *fifth* by Rev. George H. Leonard; that on the *sixth* by Rev. John M. Kendig; that on the *eighth* by Rev. Sebastian C. Goss. The discussion of the *first*, *second* and *seventh* topics was, by mutual consent, omitted for want of time. The exercises arranged for Sunday afternoon were carried into effect, according to the programme.

II. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Sunday-schools would submit the following report:

The Board to whom is intrusted the management of the general Sunday-school interest within the bounds of this Synod, report that they have discharged the duties laid upon them by this body.

From the statistics, as well as from the report of the Board, we learn that the Sunday-schools under the care of Synod are in a good working condition, and that in the past Synodical year have made commendable progress, improved in interest, and, on the whole, achieved valuable results.

The Committee would recommend that our next annual meeting be held on the Tuesday evening preceding the annual meeting of Synod, May 22, A. D. 1877, at half past seven o'clock, in the Reformed Church, Orrville, Wayne County, Ohio.

For the further advancement of this important interest, and to give it a new impetus, we recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod instruct the different Classes belonging to it, and that have not as yet organized themselves into Classical Sunday-school Associations, to do so at their earliest convenience—the whole looking forward to the organization of a Synodical Sunday-school Convention.

Resolved, That we invite the Sunday-schools under the care of Synod to give a contribution to the cause of missions, and that on the first Sunday of August, each minister, or superintendent of a charge, be requested to present this claim, and receive said contribution, and forward the same to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Synod of Ohio.

Resolved, That we suggest that the topics laid over be recommended to the Board as suitable for discussion at our next meeting.

The Committee would give the following expressions on the topics discussed at the Sunday-school meeting held during the session of the Synod:

Topic.—*The Pastor and the Sunday-school.*

Resolved, That Synod call the attention of the various charges within its bounds to the important relation that exists between the pastoral relation and the Sunday-school, whereby a greater intimacy may be created between the pastor as head of the congregation, and the Sunday-school, which ought to be recognized as part of the Church.

Topic.—*The Consistory and the Sunday-school.*

Resolved, That the Consistory, which is the legislative body of the congregation, be urged to take a greater interest in the Sunday-school work of their respective fields; and that the eldership, especially, be careful not to lose sight of their spiritual work in this department of the Church under their care.

Topic.—*The Congregation and the Sunday-school.*

Resolved, That the congregation should not lose sight of the primary object of the Sunday-school, which is, and ever ought to be, the nursery of the Church, and that the faithful indoctrination of the children will secure permanent congregational life.

Topic.—*The Sunday-school and the Teaching Element.*

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that only professors of religion should be intrusted with the instruction of the young, whereby we may avoid blind leaders of the blind.

Topic.—*The Sunday-school and the World.*

Resolved, That the Sunday-school, in its very nature, as well as design and relation to the Church, has a sphere of usefulness beyond

the limit of mere church-membership, and that it is her province to act as a helpmate to the Church—co-operating with the pastor and Consistory in the catechetical, as well as the general missionary, work of the Church.

Resolved, That the attention of pastors and elders be called to the subject, and that they do all in their power to make the Sunday-school an agency by which to reach out and gather into the Church both children and adults from the world.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY HILBISH, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Board of Sunday Schools.

NAMES.	TERM EXPIRES.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, . . .	May, 1877
" Hiram Shumaker, . . .	" "
" Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., . . .	May, 1878
" George Z. Mechling, . . .	" "
" Samuel Mease, D. D., . . .	May, 1879
" Samuel B. Yockey, . . .	" "

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

I. Appeal of Wilhelm from Action St. John's Classis.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the fourth day of the sessions, reported in item 15, that Elder John Wilhelm appealed to this Synod, from the action of the St. John's Classis, refusing to grant the request of the Reformed congregation of Wooster, Ohio, to be dismissed to the Tuscarawas Classis. This appeal, together with all the papers bearing on the case, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Hiram Shaull, Oswald J. Accola, and Elder Frank Slaymaker, to examine whether the appeal was in order, and, if found in order, to report the manner in which it is to be taken up. This Committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal case of Elder John Wilhelm, from the decision of St. John's Classis, respectfully report:

That they have examined the documents, and find them apparently in order. But the President of St. John's Classis having failed to transmit to this Synod a copy of the written reasons deposited with him by the appellant, we therefore have no legal and direct data upon which to predicate a decision. Hence, we recommend that the whole subject be referred back to St. John's Classis, with the following instructions, viz: That, in accordance with the deliverance of the General Synod, the Classis be recommended to grant at once the prayer of the Wooster Charge

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM SHAULL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

I. Complaint in the Case of Rev. Wm. B. Sandoe.

Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the fourth day of the sessions, reported in item 14, that Rev. Joshua H. Derr complained against the Tiffin Classis in the matter of the reception of Rev. William B. Sandoe from the Zion's Classis of the Synod of the Northwest. This complaint, together with all the papers relating thereto, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. John J. Leberman, Wm. H. Fenneman, and Elder Andrew H. Baughman, to examine whether the complaint was in order, and, if found in order, to report the manner in which it is to be considered by Synod. This Committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received, and as amended adopted, and is as follows:

Your Special Committee, on the complaint of Rev. Joshua H. Derr against the Tiffin Classis, would respectfully report:

That they have examined the several papers pertaining to the case, and find that the complaint is in order. The Committee suggest the following order of procedure:

1st. That all the papers in the case be read before Synod.

2d. The complainant be given twenty minutes to open.

3d. The defendants have thirty minutes to reply.

4th. The complainant be allowed ten minutes to close.

5th. The vote of the Synod shall then be taken.

6th. That this case be made the order of the day for Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

At the time appointed in the report, the complaint was taken up for consideration. The records and papers in the case were read. The complainant (Rev. Joshua H. Derr) himself appeared as counsel in support of the complaint; and the Classis of Tiffin was heard in reply by its counsel, Revs. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., and Lewis H. Kefauver. The Synod then proceeded to vote in the case, and as the result there were 11 yeas and 18 nays, the members of the Tiffin Classis not voting as they had voted in the lower court, namely:

Yeas.—Revs. Peter C. Prugh, William A. Hale, George H. Leonard, Jeremiah M. Mickly, Henry Hilbish, John J. Leberman, Oswald J. Accola, John Bachman, and Elders Ezra Jackson, John Wilhelm and John W. Keller.

Nays.—Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., David Winters, D. D., Hiram Shaull, Samuel Mease, D. D., Theodore J. Bacher, John M. Kendig, Wm. H. Fenneman, Edwin R. Williard, John R. Skinner, John A. Nicolai, and Elders Wm. Nieble, Andrew H. Baughman, Robert Kerr, John Bolander, Thomas W. Chapman, Robert Bell, John H. App and John H. Moyer.

After the result of the vote had been announced, and it appeared that the complaint was not sustained, the complainant gave notice that he would take an appeal from the decision of this Synod to the General Synod. Thereupon the delegates of the Tiffin Classis to the next General Synod were appointed as counsel to defend this Synod in the case before the General Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Board of Trustees of Synod.

NAMES.	TERM EXPIRES.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.,	May, 1877
" Henry M. Herman,	" "
" David Winters, D. D.,	May, 1878
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh,	" "
" Andrew H. Baughman,	May, 1879
" Benjamin Kuhns,	" "

Will Case of Geo. Shutt, Deceased.

During the afternoon session on Thursday, Rev. Lewis M. Kerschner made a statement before the Synod to the effect that the will of George Shutt, deceased (who had made some bequests to several Boards of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church), was under contest; that he had been appointed agent in the matter by Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., the official representative of the Ohio Synod in this matter; and that he requested Synod to appoint some person to assist him in the case.

On motion, Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., was appointed to render assistance in the case.

Treasurers of Boards to give Bond.

The following action was adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States enjoins upon all its Boards to require their respective Treasurers to give bonds to the Trustees of Synod, for moneys that are or may come into their hands

Then a Committee, consisting of Revs. Peter C. Prugh, David Winters, D. D., and Elder Thomas W. Chapman, was appointed to define the amounts for which the respective Treasurers of the several Boards shall give bond. This Committee, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed to report the amount for which each of the Treasurers of the several Boards of the Synod are required by law to give bond, would submit the following:

Treasurer of Synod, amount of bond,	- - - -	$ 2,500 00
" " Theological Seminary,	- - -	20,000 00
" " Treasurer of Heidelberg College,	- -	72,000 00
" " Missions,	- - - - - - -	3,500 00
" " Beneficiary Education,	- - - -	2,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

Constitution of Congregations and of Joint Consistories.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, reported in item 1 that final action was required on the Forms of a Constitution of a Congregation and of a Joint Consistory, as embodied in the printed Minutes of 1874, page 50, etc.

The item was adopted, and, in connection therewith, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Forms of a Constitution of a Congregation and of a Joint Consistory, published in the printed Minutes of Synod in 1875, pages 49–53, be adopted by this Synod, and are hereby recommended to all our congregations and joint consistories as suitable forms for the purposes therein set forth.

Resolved, That the said forms be published in the *Christian World* and in the *Kirchenzeitung and Evangelist*, for the benefit of the Church.

Relations between the two Synods dissolved.

During the morning session of the fourth day (Saturday, May 20) of the sessions, the Committee on Synodical Minutes, in item 12, reported that the Synod of the Northwest respecting the mutual relation established between the said Synod and the Ohio Synod in 1867, with a special reference to Heidelberg College and the Theological Seminary, at Tiffin, Ohio, had adopted an action, included in the report, for the dissolution of said relation, and impliedly requested this Synod to acquiesce in this action.

The item was adopted, and then, in immediate connection therewith, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod acquiesces in the action of the Synod of the Northwest, in regard to the dissolution of the mutual official relations existing between the two Synods since 1867, and heartily reciprocates the kind Christian feelings therein expressed.

St. John's Classis dismissed to form a German Synod.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, reported in item 13, that the St. John's Classis complained against the action of the Synod in 1875, in dismissing it to the Synod of the Northwest, contrary to its will or request. The item was adopted, and, in connection therewith, the following action was adopted:

Whereas, There appears to have been some misunderstanding in regard to the action of the Ohio Synod in 1875, dismissing the St. John's Classis to the Synod of the Northwest; and,

Whereas, The St. John's Classis claims that said action was not in accordance with its original request (as may be seen by reference to the Synodical Minutes of 1873, page 55), and that this request, instead of having been rescinded, had since been officially reiterated by it; and,

Whereas, The said Classis desires to be regarded as holding to its original position and request in the case, and does not consider its official relation to the Ohio Synod dissolved until the formal organization of such a German Synod shall be effected; therefore,

Resolved, That, in harmony with its original request, the St. John's Classis be and is hereby dismissed to form, in connection with other Classes, a German Synod.

Cincinnati Classis dismissed to form a German Synod.

The Committee on Minutes of Classis, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, reported in item 8, that the Cincinnati Classis requested permission to unite with other German Classes, as soon as the way may open, to form a *German* Ohio Synod. The item was adopted, and the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the request of Cincinnati Classis be granted, and

that it be and is hereby dismissed to unite with other Classes in the formation of a German Synod.

Certain action of Kansas Classis confirmed.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, reported in item 5, that Kansas Classis convened and transacted business without having a quorum present; and in item 10, that said Classis requested this Synod to approve its action in transacting business without a quorum being present. These items were adopted, and then the following action of approval adopted:

Resolved, That whilst the form of this action is irregular, the Synod excuses the Kansas Classis under the circumstances, and confirms said action.

Request for Organization of New Synod in West.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, reported in item 9, that the Northern Illinois Classis renewed its request to Synod for the formation of a new Western Synod. The item was adopted, and the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That the attention of the Northern Illinois Classis is hereby directed to the deliverance of the Synod on the subject in 1875. (Min. page 47.)

Traveling Expenses in Part paid to Delegates.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, reported in item 11, that Iowa Classis renewed its request to have at least one-third of the traveling expenses of its delegates to Synod paid, when the Synod shall meet east of the State of Illinois. The item was adopted, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request of Iowa Classis be granted, and that the Classes of Kansas, Shelby and Northern Illinois be included in the provision.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

I. The Annual Reports.

The following reports were received and considered:

1. *Report of the Board of Publication.*

The Board of Publication beg leave respectfully to report:

That they have attended, as best they could, to the particular interest committed to their trust and care. In November, 1874, Rev. Alvin S. Zerbe, assistant editor of the *Christian World* resigned, and Rev. Henry T. Spangler, late of Ursinus College, a young man well qualified for the position, was chosen to fill his place. Under the able management of the chief editor, Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D., and his present assistant, the Board feels warranted in promising to the Church a paper fully equal if not superior in every respect to that which it has received in the past.

Financially, the year has been a very trying one. This may readily be inferred from the general depression in business and stringency in money matters. Many subscribers have felt unable to continue the paper, while many more have failed to pay for it. This last evil has been so seriously felt that it suggested the necessity of inaugurating the system of payment of all subscriptions strictly in advance. The effect of this was as anticipated. Worthless subscriptions were lost, and a goodly number of paying ones, for the time, becoming displeased, discontinued. All this, however, we are sure will lead to a much more healthy financial condition of the paper.

The number of pastors who seem to act as if they had nothing to do in circulating our Church paper is still quite too large. Such put forth but little or no effort to collect old dues, retain old subscriptions, or secure new ones This, as must clearly be seen, tends greatly not only to cripple the publication work, but, what is much more serious, to deprive the Church of much service which her paper is calculated to render.

All this has led the editor, upon his own responsibility, to arrange for a more active and efficient agency for the circulation of the periodicals of the Church. Under this arrangement, Rev. J. M. Mickly is to become identified with our publication work, as an

agent and correspondent, and to visit every available locality of the Church in the interests of the *Christian World* and Sabbath-school publications. This may seem to impose a heavy expense upon the printing establishment, but it is at the same time confidently believed to be the shortest and most speedy way of reaching the desired end, especially during this Centennial year. In behalf of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

II. Report of Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the preceding report, adopted:

Your Committee on Publication would respectfully beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the report of the Board of Publication, which was referred to them, setting forth the various improvements in the business management of our publication interests, and giving much hearty encouragement. We recommend that Synod adopt the report of the Board. We also recommend the following:

Resolved, That this Synod heartily commends the *Christian World*, and our various Sabbath-school publications, to the congregations, members, and friends of the Reformed Church, as worthy of their liberal patronage, and as faithful organs of Christian truth.

Resolved, That this Synod urges the Classes, congregations, members, and especially the ministers, to co-operate heartily with the editors in their efforts to increase the circulation of our various publications.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Board of Publication.

Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Samuel B. Yockey, Henry M. Herman, and Elders Andrew H. Baughman and Valentine C. Tidball.

IV. Founding of a Printing Establishment.

During the third day of the sessions, the Committee appointed by

the last Synod on the Printing Establishment, and referred to by the Committee on Synodical Minutes, in item 8, submitted their report, which was reeeived, discussed, and, as amended, adopted; and is as follows:

The Committee to whom the important interest of the Printing Establishment was committed by the Synod in 1875, had several meetings during the year, which were fully attended. The subject was discusssed in all its various bearings and important results reached, which have been laid before the Church through the columns of the *Christian World.*

The Committee fully indorsed the action of Synod, believing it to have been wise and judicious, and that the time had come for decisive action. They are also fully persuaded, from the correspondence they have had, and the efforts which they have made, that the great body of our people are in sympathy with the movement, and that it will succeed if the matter be fully explained and their duty pointed out. The project, indeed, seems so reasonable, and intimately connected with the growth and prosperity of the Church, that there ought to be no hesitancy in pushing it to a speedy termination.

Other churches have their Printing Establishments, which are not only sources of revenue, but are doing much to develop their life and energy. Our German brethren have in this set us a good example and shown us what can be done They have by this means scattered their books and publications much more widely than they could possibly have done had they not had their own Printing House. Our resources are greater, so that we ought to succeed better than they have done if we unite our efforts.

The Committee rejoice in the success with which they have met, and feel convinced that if the Synod will move energetically in the matter, that the sum of $10,000 can be secured by the time of its next annual meeting, and the way be prepared for a commencement. Over $3,000 have been guaranteed in notes and pledges that have been given, all of which have been secured by correspondence and the undivided efforts of members of the Committee.

The Committee have not been able to see or correspond with all whose names have been put down for specific sums; but they have no doubt that if the Synod will approve of the plan, and give the assurance that the enterprise shall be started so soon as the $10,000

are secured, that the most of them will accede to the appointment as others have already done.

It is, indeed, to be regretted that our Synod did not move in this direction years ago. Had we done so, and husbanded our means carefully, we might to-day be much farther advanced than we are; but it is still not too late for us to make the start—indeed, there is reason to believe that the present is an auspicious time for us to begin. Our institutions are now partially endowed, the Church has grown in numbers, wealth and influence, and can learn from the experience of others.

We also need a literature that is truly Reformed. As it is now, we do not have this, and never can have it until we supply it ourselves. We have long looked for it from the East, but have, thus far, been disappointed. What we have in the shape of catechisms, hymn-books, etc., we are paying too much for. There is, in fact, but little beyond our periodicals that is Reformed and calculated to awaken the Church to a sense of her mission and work.

Shall we continue at this rate? We have the talent and enterprise to provide a literature fully adapted to our needs. All that is necessary to call it into exercise is the proper inducement. What the West has done in connection with the *Christian World*, and her Sunday-school publications, is a sufficient proof of what may be expected if we have the proper facilities.

The Presbyterian, Methodist and other Churches were in the same condition in which we now are until they provided themselves with publishing houses. As soon as this was done, their ministers sharpened their pens and went to work in earnest to prepare a literature adapted to their necessities. These Churches soon felt the effect and came to the support of the publishing houses; the result of which is they have been blessed a hundred-fold, and have cultivated a church-life and feeling that promises much for the future.

Shall we not learn from these examples? What others have done *we can do?* All lies with us. If we exert ourselves and make the proper effort we will succeed; if not, we will continue as we are, and fail to do what we might and ought to do.

Ten thousand dollars is the sum Synod wants in order to make the start, and has authorized the Committee to adopt such measures as may be best calculated to secure it. The plan we have adopted is to apportion this sum among the congregations, pastoral charges, and liberal-minded men of the Synod. In this way the burden will not fall heavy on any.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

I. Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

The Treasurer submitted his annual report, which was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance to be audited, and is as follows:

J. H. Good, *Treasurer, in account with the Ohio Synod.*

To amount received from April 15, 1875, to May 15, 1876, from the several Classes, and other sources, as follows:

	DR.
Miami Classis.	
Bill of 1875, in full, per A. H. Baughman, Treasurer	$ 79 62
Lancaster Classis.	
Balance of old account, per Rev. H. Williard, Treasurer	10 00
Bill of 1875, in part, per Rev. J. Heffley, Treasurer	30 00
Tuscarawas Classis.	
Bill of 1875, in full, per Hon. T. W. Chapman, Treasurer	67 28
Tiffin Classis.	
Bill of 1875, in full, per Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Treasurer	51 63
St. John's Classis.	
Bill of 1875, in full, per D. Zimmerman, Treasurer	45 57
Eastern Ohio Classis.	
Bill of 1875, in full, per J. Greenameier, Treasurer	49 37
Iowa Classis.	
Bill of 1875, in full, per Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treasurer	27 09
Northern Illinois Classis.	
Bill of 1875, in full and old account, per Rev. J. Sechler, Treasurer	42 02
Shelby Classis.	
Part of old account, per Rev. H. Wilson, Treasurer	10 00
St. Joseph's Classis.	
Bill of 1875, in part, per J. C. St. Clair, Treasurer	30 00
Cincinnati Classis.	
Bill of 1875, in full, per C. Sandau, Treasurer	16 64
Kansas Classis.	
Bill of 1875, in full, per Rev. E. M. Shultz	11 85
	$ 471 07
From Rev. J. Kuelling, for German Liturgies sold	32 70
Loan from H. H. to pay Liturgy Bill	250 00
Balance on hand, April 15, 1875	378 03
	$1131 80

CONTRA. CR.

By amount paid Sexton at Miamisburg		$ 10 00
" printing tickets " "		2 00
" Rev. J. Kuelling, traveling expenses on German Liturgy		5 40
" " " interest on money advanced for "		6 88
German Liturgy claim in full, with interest		367 50
Dr. Ruetenik, claim of Buch Anstalt		77
Dr. Reiter, postage stamps	21 00	
" " wrapping paper, etc	6 00	
" " stated clerk fees for 1875	40 00	
" " stationery and postage	8 50	
		75 50
Rev. H. Wilson, Delegate to Synod of Canton		10 00
Express charge on money		65
Interest for one year on money loaned from H. H. to discharge the German Liturgy claim		25 00
Postage and stationery for Treasurer		9 75
Dr. Reiter, for printing Minutes of Synod of 1875		154 00
Total payments		$ 667 45
Balance on hand, May 15, 1876		$ 464 35

INDEBTEDNESS TO SYNOD.

The several Classes are in arrears to Synod, as follows:

Lancaster Classis.

Balance on Bill of 1875		13 81

Shelby Classis.

Balance on account of 1873	13 71	
Bill of 1874	25 06	
Bill of 1875	19 08	
		57 85

Ursinus Classis.

Bill of 1875		15 47

St. Joseph's Classis.

Balance of Bill of 1875		10 15
		$ 97 28

THE DEBTS OF SYNOD.

The expenses for the year will be about	$ 250 00
Due H. H. for money loaned for German Liturgy	250 00
Apportionment of General Synod	230 00
	$ 730 00

Respectfully submitted,

JER. H. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with the Treasurer's report, adopted:

The Committee on Finance report that they have carefully examined the report of the Treasurer of Synod, and that they find the same correct.

The amount in the treasury is four hundred and sixty-four dollars and thirty-five cents. The probable demands for the coming year are about eight hundred dollars. This amount includes the traveling expenses of the counsel to the General Synod, to defend the Ohio Synod in certain appeal and complaint cases.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that the different Classes be assessed three hundred and fifty dollars, in order to liquidate the indebtedness, in the following proportion:

Miami	$62	N. Illinois	$ 6
Lancaster	37	Shelby	6
Tuscarawas	36	Iowa	11
Tiffin	36	St. Joseph's	22
St. John's	58	Cincinnati	30
Eastern Ohio	43	Kansas	3
			$350

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. FENNEMAN, *Chairman.*

III. Payment of Bills by Treasurer.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the following bills, which were allowed by Synod, namely: Rev. S. B. Yockey, $9.10; Rev. P. C. Prugh, $6.00, and Rev. H. M. Herman, $11.20, for traveling expenses to General Synod as counsel in certain cases; Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., $9.00 for printing Certificates of Licensure and Ordination, and $2.00 for printing tickets for use of Synod; and $10.00 to Sexton of Reformed Church of Canal Winchester, for services rendered during the sessions of Synod.

Sale and Finances of Liturgy.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the morning session on Saturday, reported in item 9, in regard to the financial condition of the German and English Liturgies, (*a*) that a Committee had been appointed to superintend the sale of the German Liturgy in connection with the Synod of the Northwest, and (*b*) that the Treasurer of Synod was authorized to pay Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., the balance due him on the publication of the English Liturgy. The following results were reached in the matter:

1. *German Liturgy.*

The Committee, referred to under (*a*), submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee, to whom was intrusted the sale of the "Western Liturgy," in German, would report that they have realized from sales the following amounts:

Christian World office	$14 33
Ev. Ref. Buchanstalt	36 33
Rev. J. Kuelling	32 70
Total	$82 36

The above amount was duly paid over to the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod toward the liquidation of the debt incurred in its publication. And in regard to the payment of the full amount of the indebtedness, the Synod is directed to the Treasurer's report.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL MEASE, *Chairman.*

P. S.—Per Ev. Ref. Buchanstalt, there is reported to us a credit to the Northwestern Synod, of $36.33, resulting from sales of the book. S. M.

2. *English Liturgy.*

In regard to the fact under (*b*), Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., submitted a verbal statement, which was accepted by Synod. From this statement it appeared that he had received nothing in liquidation of his claim from the Treasurer, and but little during the year from the sale of books, and that, therefore, the greater part of the

balance of the debt referred to in the Minutes of 1875, page 56, remained unpaid. It was also urged that further efforts should be put forth to dispose of the books still on hand.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, at the opening of the afternoon session on Friday, presented their report through the Chairman, Rev. George H. Leonard. The report was received, amended and adopted, and the Committee was instructed to have the needed number of the nominations printed for the use of the Synod. The election was ordered to take place on Monday morning at ten o'clock, and at the appointed time the election was held. Revs. John J. Leberman, Michael Loucks and Richard B. Reichard were appointed tellers, who, having distributed the tickets, received and counted the ballots, and, during the afternoon session of the same day, reported the result to Synod. For the result of the election see Articles XIII., Missions; XIV., Theological Seminary; XV., Heidelberg College; XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; XVII., Sunday-schools; and XXI., Publication.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Centennial Celebration.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the morning session of the fourth day of the sessions, in item 17, called the attention of this Synod to the action of the General Synod in regard to the Centennial Celebration. The item was adopted, and the subject involved was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Samuel Mease, D. D., and Joshua H. Derr. This Committee, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee, to whom the subject of the Centennial was referred, would respectfully report:

That the limited time which they have had to devote to this very important and interesting subject makes it impossible to do full justice to it. Yet, we feel that it should not be allowed to pass by without some suitable action. What this should be, the Committee would suggest in the following report:

1. *The Idea of the Centennial.*

The idea of observing the present year as a Centennial is one that has been happily conceived. The blessings which we have enjoyed as a land and nation during the one hundred years of our existence, have been so many and varied as to call for suitable acknowledgments on our part. We are a Christian people, and, as such, it becomes us to recognize the Hand that has led us through all our struggles and trials to the present enviable position we occupy among the nations of the earth. The history of the world presents no instance of such rapid growth and prosperity as we have enjoyed. We have, under the blessing of God, preserved our national life amid bloody conflicts, and developed our resources and energies to an extent that is truly astonishing.

2. *How We Should Celebrate It.*

As citizens, we should heartily join in the celebration, and make it a year of joy and gladness. We should recount the mercies and blessings we have enjoyed, both civil and religious, and pray that God may continue to be with us in the future as he has been in the past, lead us to still greater prosperity, and bless us as he has promised.

3. *Our Gratitude.*

The occasion calls for suitable expression of gratitude and devotion, in patriotic songs, hymns of praise and free-will offerings. The whole land should be moved by a sense of thankfulness to God. Every proper occasion should be employed in exciting and giving proper direction to it, so that sweet incense may ascend from every part of our land; that our patriotism and Christianity may be improved and invigorated.

4. *What the Church Should Do.*

Having, as Christians, enjoyed special spiritual blessings, we should make due account of them, as the State is doing in regard to her civil liberty and prosperity. We should inaugurate in the

Church such measures as will be calculated to lead to special thanksgiving, and elevate the tone of piety and liberality. We have been greatly favored. No nation has enjoyed such religious advantages as we have. We have had an open Bible, with the privilege of worshiping God according to our own free choice, with no one to interfere or make us afraid This Synod has great reason to rejoice, in view of the prosperity which has marked its past history. Although our territory has been greatly circumscribed by the formation of other Synods, we still have a membership of over twenty thousand, with many fine churches and institutions of learning, that are creditable and honorable; for all of which we should erect our memorials of devout gratitude, as well as the State is doing.

5. *How to Proceed.*

We would suggest that this Synod earnestly and affectionately urge upon all the congregations, pastoral charges, and Sabbath-schools within its bounds, to make due account of the Centennial by setting apart some time during the year for special services, in which the goodness of God to us, as a branch of his Church, shall be reviewed, and the people exhorted to make such returns as gratitude and a sense of duty may prompt, for the different benevolent objects, such as Missions, Beneficiary Education, Printing House, Heidelberg College, and Theological Seminary. That the movement may be general, the Synod would urge upon the several Classes the duty of seeing that this provision be observed; and that, should any ministerial brother fail to bring it before his people in a proper way, and thus not give them the opportunity of joining in its proper celebration, he be called to an account for his neglect.

This Synod would, also, further affectionately urge upon such of its members as have been blessed with temporal prosperity, and have a comfortable share of the good things of this world, to make special and liberal contributions during the year for the payment of the debts of the several Boards, the debts on churches, the founding of the Printing House, and the full endowment of our College and Theological Seminary, that we may thereby show an appreciation of the rich blessings we have enjoyed during the past, and, at the same time, show ourselves worthy of the continued favor of our heavenly Father.

6. *Time of Action.*

As the Centennial has already been inaugurated, and will soon be past, prompt and immediate action should be taken in every part of

the Church to secure the objects contemplated. Pastors and Consistories should consnlt as to the time for these services, and as to how they can be made the most interesting and profitable. Delay in this work will be to defeat it.

7. *Centennial Monument.*

The Synod would enjoin upon the several Classes that they make a full report of their doing a short time before its next annual meeting, so that it may then gather up the result in some suitable way, and perpetuate it in the history of the Church.

8. *Finally.*

Let all interested in the success of this Centennial movement give it their personal attention; talk about it, work for it, and pray for it. And may God, who has watched over us and our fathers during these hundred years, still be with us, and, for the sake of Christ our Savior, fulfill the desire of our hearts as shall be for his glory and our good. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. WILLIARD,
SAMUEL MEASE,
JOSHUA H. DERR.
} *Committee.*

Visit to Public Institutions at Columbus.

The Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Saturday, reported in item 5 that a communication had been received from Mr. Samuel S. Rickly, of Columbus, Ohio, proposing to afford to members of Synod an opportunity to visit certain public Institutions of interest at Columbus. The item was adopted, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That we as a Synod tender our thanks to Mr. Samuel S. Rickly for the kind and generous interest manifested, and that we cordially accept his proposition.

On Tuesday, the day after final adjournment, the action of Synod was carried into practical effect by members of Synod, and with a great degree of satisfaction.

During the afternoon session of the fourth day of the sessions, the Synod proceeded to select the place and fix the time for its next

annual meeting. The places put in nomination were Orrville, Shelby and Bellevue, Ohio. The result of the vote was, that the Reformed Church at Orrville, Wayne County, Ohio, was chosen as the place; and Wednesday May 23d, A. D. 1877, at 7½ o'clock in the evening, was fixed as the time.

The Stated Clerk, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, was instructed to procure the statistical report of Shelby Classis, and embody it at the proper place in the printed Minutes.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Vote of Thanks.

The following resolutions were adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod hereby returns its hearty thanks to the pastor and membership of the Reformed congregation, and citizens of Canal Winchester, for the kind and hospitable entertainment it enjoyed at their hands; and also to the Evangelical Lutheran congregation, joint owner of the church, for its kindness in yielding its evening for religious services to the use of Synod.

Resolved, That the pastor *loci* be requested to read the foregoing resolution from the pulpit, and also have it published in the Winchester *Times*.

The roll was called, and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes for the last day were read and approved, and they were then adopted as a whole, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That we as a Synod now adjourn to meet in General Convention in the Reformed Church at Orrville, Wayne County, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 23d, A. D. 1877, at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

The Synod adjourned on Monday evening, May 22d, at 10½ o'clock, with singing, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, praying the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
David Winters, D. D.	4	Mt. Zion	575	150	20	7	20	3	520	10		30	8	4	280		$142	$900	20	Dayton, O.
Samuel B. Yockey	2	Xenia and Beaver	275		3	10	20	2	220	3			1	2	200		295	300	2	Xenia, O.
Wm. McCaughey	1	Miamisburg	296	163	29	17	53	24	276				5	1	255		98	2060	10	Miamisburg O.
Henry M. Herman	3	West Alexandria	402	100	16	3	15	9	360	9			5	3	425	3	300	1350	20	W. Alexandria, O.
Vacant	1	1st Ch., Dayton	250	35	17	5	9	10	180	8		14	4	1	145		128	2000	10	Dayton, O.
Peter C. Prugh	1	Ch. of the Cross	75	30	4	3	5	1	56	5	1	3	1	1	200	1	23	675	2	Xenia, O.
Richard B. Reichard	1	St. Paul's	73		8	1	2	2	35	6			3	1	65		15	375	2	Greenville, O.
Jacob M. LeFevre	4	Fairfield	203		8	21	26	7	203	6			5	3	270		75	950	5	Fairfield, O.
Hiram Shaull	4	Union	246	48	19	3	6	17	164	3		25	6	4	273		60	782	21	North Hampton, O.
Thomas H. Winters	2	Highland [gah	150	48	6	18	55	15	150	5		15	2	2	150		20	375	6	Xenia, O.
" " " (sup.)	2	Cæsar's & Mt. Pis-	80	35		3	5	8	70	4		10	1	2	100		20	250	6	" "
George Z. Mechling	2	Hamilton	69	41	1	1	3	2	58			2	2	2	185		19	500	1	Hamilton, O.
Jonathan C. Beade	2	Sidney	78	50					75				1	1	60				6	Sidney, O.
" " " (sup.)	2	Bloom Center	50	35			1		45				1	1	50		2		6	" "
Levi Rike.	2	Farmersville	240	128	15			1	172	7			3	2	165		26	1825	10	Farmersville, O.
John Stuck	4	Mt. Pleasant	148	97	28	16	23	7	94	9	6	31	10	4	220		16	485	1	Hill Grove, O.
Jesse Steiner	3	St. Paris	180	65	7	1	3		165	2			5	3	180	3			5	St. Paris, O
Jacob Weaver	2	Salem	40		3	5	5	2	28				2				4		4	Sidney, O.
Hiram Shumaker	2	Springboro	120	89	10	1	8	5	110	1		1	6	2	120	2	119	697	3	Springboro, O.
Adam Hawker	2	Mt. Carmel	120	40	3	11	14	8	90				2	2	120		50	400	10	Dayton, O.
C. Winters Good	2	Germantown	139	60	4		7	8	139		1		1	1	175		120	1025	8	Germantown, O.
Lewis M. Kerschner	3	New Madison	175	90	2	1	9	3	142				3	2	140	1	54	500	10	New Madison, O.
Daniel R. Taylor, (lic.)	4	Bradford [chester	78		3		3		56										2	Bradford, O.
Vacant	2	Elk Creek & Win-	50												35					
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.		Ed. Heid. Teacher																		Miamisburg, O.
Samuel Mease, D. D.		Ed. Christian W'ld																		178 Elm St. Cin'ti.
Henry T. Spangler		Ass't " "																		" " "
John Pence		Without Charge																		Tremont, O.
Solomon K. Denius		" "																		Canton, O.
Christian Berentz		" "																		Grandview, O.

LANCASTER CLASSIS

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
s W. Hoyman	4	Somerset	310	305	12	6	24	6	302	30			4	3	315	2	$187	$1180	20	Somerset, O.
e H. Leonard	2	Basil	354	135	10	9	36	19	337	9		3	3	2	300	1	300	725	10	Basil, O.
Vogt	1	Delaware	204	108	12	1	8	2	187				2	1	139		207		8	Delaware, O.
am Gilpin	4	Union	236		7		19	15	175			2	6	4	270		330		10	Baltimore, O.
iiam A. Hale	2	Lancaster	345		9	25	35	10	345	8	3	31	1	2	231			177		Lancaster, O.
Silas P. Mauger	4	Canal Winchester	247	104	14	7	35	7	208			13	5	4	265		101	805	12	Canal Winchester, O.
James Heffley	3	Jerusalem (sup.)	85		8	9	7	3	85				1	2	60		17	1000	6	Canal Winchester, O.
Austin Henry	2	Kinnickinnick	120		9	7	21	1	120	1			5	2	76		61	1064	12	Hallsville, O.
Jacob Klingler	4	Tarlton	243	170	1				128				2	3	160		13	200	16	Stoutsville, O.
Michael Loucks	1	Ch. of the Cross	21	20	3			1	21					1	25				5	Somerset, O.
Henry King		No Charge																	1	Baltimore, O.
Total, 11.	27		2165	842	85	64	185	64	1908	48	3	49	29	24	1841	3	$916	$5151	100	

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.	4	Union	243	235	24		25		235	8			4	2	150	1	$61		20	Wadsworth, O.
Nathaniel H. Loose	3	Shelby	201	130	7	11	31	2	192	12		5	1	3	180	1	80	$750	15	Shelby, O.
Sebastian C. Goss	4	Wadsworth,	241	126	13	1	3	22	230	11		6	8	4	275		107	930	20	Wadsworth, O.
Theo. J. Bacher	4	Tuscarawas	182	195	11	1	1		182	2			2	3	200	3	82	800	20	Massillon, O.
Edward Herbruck	2	Canton	147		7	2	11		120	2			5	2	210		58	1344	10	Canton, O.
George H. Albright	4	Shenandoah	145	75	1	5	8	10	141	4			3	4	240	1	47		15	Polk, O.
Henry H. Sandoe	2	Mohican	112	48	5			1	82			1	2	2	170		71		12	Mohican, O.
Josephus F. Sponseller	2	Canaan	103	63	5	2	2	3	90				2	2	165	1	45	945	6	Canaan, O.
Frederick Strassner	1	Bristol	90	100	9	5	19	9	85	5			2	1	75			5000	4	Orrville, O.
Edmund Erb (sup.)	3	Navarre	113	43			17		68				4	1	48		21	380	5	Apple Creek, O.
Emil P. Herbruck	1	Akron	88	50	9		3	4	73	2			3	1	83				10	Akron, O.
Peter J. Spangler	2	Summit	130	50	5				79	4			2	2	175	1	40	690	10	Lake, O.
Vacant	2	East Union	106		6			3	75				2	1	150			7	6	
Charles M. Schaaf (sup.)	4	Uniontown	153						153	3		56	2	4		1	30		10	Lake, O.
Vacant	1	Manchester	50	25					38											
Sup. by Theol. Student		Mansfield Mission															7			
Sup. by G. H. Albright		Emanuel Cong	29						29				1	1	51				4	
John C. Klar	1																			Navarre, O.
William M. Andrews	4	Reedsburg	115	68	2		1		100		20			2	160				20	Reedsburg, O.
Jesse Hines																				Reedsburg, O.
J. Marion Mickly																				McKnightstown, Pa.
Henry F. Long																				China Grove, N. C.
Total, 18.	44		2248	1208	104	27	121	54	1972	53	20	68	43	35	2332	9	$649	$10839	187	

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.		Prof. Theo. Sem'y																		Tiffin, O.
Reuben Good		Prof. Heid. Col.																		"
Geo. W. Williard, D. D.		Pres. Heid. Col.																		"
Herman Rust, D. D.		Prof. Theo. Sem'y																		"
Lewis H. Kefauver	1	1st Tiffin	270	194	11	2	8	3	233	8			8	1	200	1	$259	$1200	12	"
Solomon Ream	3	Heidelberg	126	135	6		8	2	116	8		15	5	3	110		70		10	Findlay, O.
Vacant	2	New Bavaria	869	195					801											
Vacant	2	Florida																		
Jesse Richards	2	Fremont	100	75	5	1	1		100				4	2	125	1	81	1200	5	Fremont, O.
Jonas Michael	4	Liberty Center	75	35	6	1	1	8	45	1		5	1	2	80				6	Liberty Center, O.
Wm. B. Sandoe	2	Zion	192	87	18		33		178			1	8	2	145		182	5412	10	Republic, O.
Joshua H. Derr	1	Bellevue	206	130	13	1	11	2	180	6			5	1	133		113	806	10	Bellevue, O.
Amos Casselman	2	Fostoria	45						20					1	100		6		6	Fostoria, O.
Vacant	2	Berwick	108	68	5	8			93								28		5	Berwick, O.
James T. Hale	2	Ada	91	155	15	5	4	7	85	2			1	2	190			3800	6	Ada, O.
John D. Gehring	1	Bloomville	61	35					29					1	47		19		8	Bloomville, O.
Augustus Konatzke	3	Findlay	100	100					100										5	Van Buren, O.
Peter Tendick		Invalid																		Tiffin, O.
Dr. Rust, (sup.)	1	2d Tiffin	240	108	28		10	21	234	3		18	5	1	145		193	675	12	"
Dr. Williard, (sup.)	3	Ft. Seneca	125	70	6		2	4	125				2	3	150		160	350	10	"
Dr. Good, (sup.)	1	St. Jacob's	43	37	8		5		41	4			3	1	37		23	60	10	"
Charles O. Knepper		Licentiate*														1				"
Total, 15.	32		2151	1424	121	18	73	47	1880	27		39	42	20	1462	6	$1084	$13503	115	

* Prof. in Heidelberg College.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
David Kæmmerer, D. D.	1	Apple Creek	80	40	12			3	70				1	1	70		$22	$125	5	Wooster, O.
Peter Herbruck, D. D.	1	Canton [Creek	507		101		34	37	507				35	1	200		134		10	Canton, O.
John G. Zahner, D. D.	2	Shanesv'le & Wal.	170	160	12		7	4	150	5			6	2	85		56		5	Shanesville, O.
Henry Hilbish	1	Wooster	220	115	14	4	31	25	180	2			2	1	150		50	2970	15	Wooster, O.
Peter Greding, D. D.	3	N. Philadelphia	272		34		25		253				23	3	150		60		3	New Philadelphia, O.
Frederick Schaad	3	Good Hope	275	300	37		15		250				6	3	150		45		4	Ragersville, O.
John M. Grether	3	Friedens	272	160	21		18	4	230				8	3	125		98	800	5	Hartville, O.
Jon. A. Novinger	2	New Bedford	300	225	19		31	1	250				23	1	100		75		5	New Bedford, O.
Henry K. Zink		Oldtown	200		52		24		200					2	110		21		5	Stone Creek, O
Christopher Schiller	1	Akron	274	176	33		21		274	7			12	1	139		56		2	Toledo, O.
Philip Becker	2	Mt. Eaton (Ger.)	361	284	29		13		267	2			18	1	145		8		1	Mount Eaton, O.
Herman Kortheuer																			1	Massillon, O.
E. F. Augustus Schade	2	Alliance & Salem	145	131	10		22	4	123	1	2		1	2	123		82		1	Bucyrus, O.
John Biery	3		200		16		25		196				6	2	52		40		1	Walhonding, O.
George W. Henning	1	St. Paul's	24	28	4			1	22					1	60		5		5	Canton, O.
John B. Murraire	1	Mt. Eaton (Fr.)	180																1	Mount Eaton, O.
Henry Nau*	1																			Bellaire, O.
Frederick Griese		Licentiate																		Canton, O.
Vacant 1	2	Ragersville	200																	
" 2	1	St. Jacob	105																	
" 3	1	St. Peter's							20								3		2	
" 4	1	Orrville [burg	145	175	20		3	5	125	3				1	175		37		5	
" 5	2	Min'lPt.,&Greens-	73	60	10		15		73				3	1			20		3	
" 6	1	Osnaburg			9				122				4	1			23			
Total, 18.	35		4003	1854	433	4	284	84	3312	20	2		148	27	1834		$835	$3895	78	

* Lately taken charge. 1. Supplied by Rev. Fred. Schaad and Rev. H. K. Zink. 2. Supplied by ——— ——— 3. Supplied by Rev. G. W. Henning. 4. Supplied by Rev. F. Strassner, 5. Supplied by Rev. J. C. Klar. 6. Supplied by Rev. P. Herbruck, D. D.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
George M. Albright	2	New Lisbon	245	90			17	2	165				8	1	85	1	$87	$1900	20	New Lisbon, O.
Jeremiah Heller	1	Jefferson	127	49	4	10	19	3	103	2				1	90		37	600	10	Germano, O.
John M. Kendig	1	Columbiana	175	56	2	8	16	6	129				4	1	160	1	31	900	10	Columbiana, O.
" " "	1	Leetonia Mission	19	10				2	19	1								70	5	" "
John J. Leberman	2	Louisville	320	125	33	12	25	3	235	3		2	3	2	300	1	78	1000	25	Louisville, O.
John Meckley	2	Springfield	278	195	27	4	20		220	8			21	2	180		80		10	Petersburg, O.
Michael A. Miller	2	Carrollton (1)	369	97					305					2	285	1			10	Carrollton, O.
Edward H. Otting	4	Warren	100	50	14			6	87				10	2	60		45	600	12	Warren, O.
W. H. Wittenwieler	2	Georgetown (3)	240	140	9	2	19	6	223				8	2			66		10	Homeworth, O.
John B. Zumpe	3	Canfield	332	203	23	4	37	7	263				7	3	175		8	800	15	Canfield, O.
" " (sup.)	2	Youngstown (2)	49	40				5	30				3	1	25		9		10	" "
Vacant	2	Mt. Olivet (1)	278	145					225							1			10	North Lima, O.
Thomas Ferrell (4)		No Charge																	1	Carrollton, O.
Total, 10.	24		2532	1200	112	85	153	40	2004	14		2	64	17	1310	5	$436	5870	148	

(1) Last year's report. (2) Youngstown Congregation only reported. (3) Last year's report in part. (4) Died Nov. 29, 1875, of Asphyxia.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Daniel Lantz	2	Foreston	88	54	13		16	1	88				2	1	50		$12	$475	4	Foreston, Ill.
Joseph Sechler	1	Damascus	19	14	2	2	10	3	19									75	6	Lena, Ill.
John Kercher	2	Washburn	145	100	16		15		145				6	1	60			500	5	La Rose, Ill.
Isaac A. Sites	4	Dakota	55	30					45				2	3	75		63	670	5	Dakota, Ill.
Wm. G. Hackman (1)	1	Freeport	91	89	13		5	22	50				3	1	85	1		435	2	Freeport, Ill.
C. G. A. Hullhorst	3	Orangeville	76	25	10	1	1	7	64	1			1	2	50		25	400	4	Orangeville, Ill.
Ottmar Esselborn	1	Loran	85	60	6		8		40	1				1	30			400	1	Loran, Ill.
Henry Aurand		Without Charge																	1	Warren, Ill.
Joseph L. Schatz		Licentiate																		Tiffin, O.
Total, 9.	14		560	372	60	3	55	33	451	2			14	9	350	1	$100	$2955	28	

(1) Member of St. Joseph's Classis.

SHELBY CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Harvey Wilson																				Shelbyville, Ill.
David K. Fulcason	2	Elm Grove •	28	40	4	1	1	27	22			6	1	2	115		$ 2		6	Windsor, Ill.
John A. Smith	4	Anna	124	91	19	5	22	1	96	2	14	14	5	4	103		14	$440	4	Anna, Ill.
Simon P. Myers	3	Altamont	79				5	3	60				1	2	80				2	Altamont, Ill.
John Naille	3	Mt. Zion	100	103					90				4	2	140			150	3	Stonington, Ill.
	1	Shelbyville }	71																	
	1	Prairie }																		
	1	Centre	20																	
Total, 5.	15		422	234	23	6	28	31	268	2	14	20	11	10	438		$16	$590	15	

IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Frederick C. Bauman	3	Harmony	180	170	21	2	18		125	35				2	125	1	$506	$487	3	Zwingli, Ia.
Dewald S. Fouse	4	Tipton	117	73	5	1	5	7	108	3			3	2	70		216	942	5	Lisbon, Ia.
Jonas B. Shontz	2	Wilton & Clifton	207	132	13	5	30	17	203			5	5	2	125		168	949	5	Wilton, Ia.
Cyrus Cort	2	Brandon	98	70	10	2	5	8	94	14	1		1	1	30		157	340	2	Vinton, Ia.
A. J. Smith	2	Boulder	77	40	3	4	13	1	60	1			3	1	50		60	119		Central City, Ia.
David P. LeFevre	1	Blairstown	49	20	1				20					1	40		32	100	2	Blairstown, Ia.
Jacob B. Welty	2	Maquoketa	57	50	2	3	5	2	33					2	200		59	3250		Maquoketa, Ia.
George Weber	1	Powshiek	12	15	2			1	12								8	60	1	Blairstown, Ia.
Theodore Falk	2	El Dorado	26	25	2			14						2	60		16	100	1	Blairstown, Ia.
Jacob Kuhn		Without Charge																	1	Dutch Creek, Ia.
Anthony Shulenberger		" "																		
John B. Poerner		" "																		
Total, 12.	19		823	595	59	17	76	50	655	53	1	5	12	13	700	1	$1222	$6347	20	

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

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Samuel Z. Beam	3	Wakeshma	125	62	9	2	7	22	113				2	2	60		$47	$453	12	Fulton, Mich.
Andrew Butt	4	Bunker Hill	125	26		11	3	22	125	1		3	1	3	288		96	1100	6	Montpelier, O.
William H. Fenneman	3	Union	140	105	5			3	125					2	110		25	215	12	Waterloo, Ind.
Lewis Grosenbaugh	1	Three Rivers	117	81	2				70				3	1	135			156	6	Three Rivers, Mich.
Daniel Kroh	1	Neriah	26	14	2		1		20					1	26				1	Erie, Mich.
Wm. G. Hackman	2	Colon (1)	110	130	9		12	4	90				6	1	70		17		5	Burr Oak, Mich.
David H. Reiter		Without Charge																		BerrienSpr'gs, Mich.
Casper Scheel	3	Marshall (2)	165	145	12	1	4	2	132	3			10	3	249				5	Plymouth, Ind.
John R. Skinner	3	Winamac	126	100	17	6	19	5	100	3	1	7	2	3	187		19	368	5	Winamac, Ind.
Elias Spangler	1	Farmer Center	16						16			2	2	1	40			10	1	Edgerton, O.
Frederick Wall	4	Emanuel	170	96	28		10		160				9	1	96		9		5	Bluffton, Ind.
Edwin R. Williard	4	White Pigeon	150	60		5	15	4	132					2	115		17	724	8	White Pigeon, Mich.
Vacant	3	Claypool Mission	108		2				100					2	150				1	Denver, Ind.
William H. Ziegler (3)	3	Zion's Mission	79	51	2		4	4	65					1	50			360		Goshen, Ind.
Vacant	2	Rochester Mis. (4)	25	14	2									1	40				2	Rochester, Ind.
John Naille (5)																				Stonington, Ill.
Total, 13.	37		1482	883	90	25	75	66	1248	7	1	12	35	24	1616		$230	$13286	69	

(1) Taken charge of by Rev. H. Leutzinger, February, 1876. (2) Taken charge of by Rev. L. Richter, April, 1876. (3) Recently taken charge, April, 1876. (4) Supplied by Rev. John R. Skinner. (5) Removed to Shelby Classis.

CINCINNATI CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Oswald J. Accola	1	2d Reformed	217	119	13		12	5	150	1		4	6	1	135	1	$190	$1238	1	Dayton, O.
Friedrick W. Berleman	1	Millville	124	79	9				110				1	1	85		61	600	3	Millville, O.
John Heckman	1	Salems Church	730	425	85		45	29	715	4			43	1	380	3	355	4500	10	Cincinnati, O.
Bernhard R. Huecker	1	Ref. Church, Cov.	186	113	20		6	9	186	3		8	11	1	125		48	650	1	Covington, Ky.
Vacant (1)	2	Brown Co. Mission	105											2	120					Higginsport, O.
C. F. W. Stechow	6	Beaver	250		40		36		130				8	4	160			3260	9	Beavertown, O.
John C. Henneman	5	Jackson Charge	230	190	25		24		160	20			7				29		1	Beaver, O.
Siegfried Thomas (2)	1	1st Ref. Ch. Ironton	134	120	11		11	5	118			17	4	1	75		38	960	1	Ironton, O.
John Bachman	1	1st Ref Ch., Cin'ti	410	320	25		20	10	390	2				1	190	1	120	3500	5	Cincinnati, O.
G. J. Reiche	3	Rising Sun	169	149	27		11	4	169				10	2	50		20		1	Rising Sun, Ind.
Henry Rusterholz (3)	1	Zion's Church	42	33	3		7	23	36	6				1	35		3	400	1	Piqua, O.
Total, 10.	23		2597	1548	258		172	85	2004	36		29	90	15	1355	5	$864	$15108	33	

(1) Occupied now by Rev. Nathaniel Ruetenik, Higginsport, Brown Co., O. (2) Removed since within the bounds of St. John's Classis, and the charge served by Rev. Augustus Toensmeier. (3) Member of Heidelberg Classis, and the Piqua Mission, served by Rev G. Beisser.

KANSAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Joseph A. Keller	1	Denver Mission	80	36	2			3	18				1	1	38		$7	$176	6	Denver, Col.
Emanuel Shultz	3	Brown Co. "	49	63	5			17	33					*					6	Sabetha, Kan.
Vacant	3	Wathena	158	179	18		15		70				6	3	100			9	2	Wathena, Kan.
John A. Nicolai	1	Turkey Creek	107	111	13		2	2	54				5					31	3	Abilene, Kan.
J. V. Lerch	1	Ravenna Mission	19		5				9	3		1	2					2	5	Princeton, Mo.
Total, 4.	9		363	389	43		17	22	184	3		1	14	4	138		$7	$218	22	

This report covers only seven months, from April 1st to November 1st, 1875. * 2 Union Schools.

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NAMES OF CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.
Miami	26	57	4112	1302	206	127	297	184	3418	78	8	131	77	44	3713	10	$1469	$13595	170
Lancaster	11	27	2165	842	85	64	185	64	1908	48	3	49	29	24	1841	3	916	5151	100
Tuscarawas	18	44	2248	1208	104	27	121	54	1972	53	20	68	43	35	2332	9	649	10839	187
Tiffin	15	32	2151	1424	121	18	73	47	1880	27		39	42	20	1462	6	1084	18503	115
St. John's	18	35	4003	1854	443	4	284	84	3812	20	2		148	27	1834		835	3895	78
Eastern Ohio	10	24	2532	1200	112	35	153	40	2004	14		2	64	17	1310	5	436	5870	148
Northern Illinois	9	14	560	372	60	3	55	33	451	2			14	9	350	1	100	2955	28
Shelby	5	15	422	234	23	6	28	31	268	2	14	20	11	10	438		16	590	15
Iowa	12	19	823	595	59	17	76	50	655	53	1	5	12	13	700	1	1222	6347	20
St. Joseph's	13	37	1482	883	90	25	75	66	1248	7	1	12	35	24	1616		230	13286	69
Cincinnati	10	23	2597	1548	258		172	85	2004	36		29	90	15	1355	5	864	15108	33
Kansas	4	9	363	389	43		17	22	184	3		1	14	4	138		7	218	22
Ohio Synod ....12 Classes	151	388	28458	11851	1594	326	1535	715	19304	343	49	356	579	242	17089	40	$7828	$90357	985
N. W. " ..... 9 "	124	187	14635	12372	1655		1034	623	11765	300	172		425	130	6516	11	9988	287	
U. S. " ..... 8 "	185	420	63675	35082	5503		3924	946	49522	590	27		2061	498	29391	50	36750	218473	
Pittsburg Synod..... 5 "	55	124	9510	7638	1050		683	348	8208	179	20		301	94	5640	13	7063	14115	
Potomac " ..... 6 "	103	247	25217	16397	1896		1226	352	21821	243	3		624	208	12854	37		12838	
East Ger. " ..... 5 "	32	31	7114	4916	1468		543	588	5868	95	4		510	34	5080	2	3706	28479	
Total: 6 Synods; 45 Classes.	650	1347	143609	88256	13492*		8945	3572	116488	1750	275	356	4500	1206	76570	153	$65335	$364544	

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MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Miami.	David Winters, D. D.	John Jackson.
	Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	
	Samuel B. Yockey.	
	William McCaughey.	Benjamin Fornshell.
	Henry M. Herman.	Joseph Copp.
	Richard B. Reichard.	
	Jesse Steiner.	
	Hiram Shaull.	Jacob Myers.
	Henry T. Spangler.	
	Samuel Mease, D. D.	
	Ephraim M. Epstein, M. D.	
	G. Wm. H. Smith.	David Wilkins.
Lancaster.	Silas P. Mauger.	
	Michael Loucks.	
	Charles W. Hoyman.	
Tuscarawas.	Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.	David Long.
	Nathaniel H. Loose.	
	Sebastian C. Goss.	John C. Kremer.
	Theodore J. Bacher.	John Cully.
	Edward Herbruck.	
	Henry H. Sandoe.	Zachariah T. Paullins.
	Josephus F. Sponseller.	
	Frederick Strassner.	
	Emil P. Herbruck.	
	Peter J. Spangler.	Philip Treash.
	John H. Beck.	Thomas W. Chapman.
	Charles M. Schaaf.	John Stoner.
	William M. Andrews.	John R. Crumm.
	Joseph L. Schatz.	Gottlieb Burry.
Tiffin.	Lewis H. Kefauver.	Lewis Keller.
	Geo. W. Williard, D. D.	
	Jesse Richards.	
	William B. Sandoe.	
	Amos Casselman.	

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Tiffin (continued).	James T. Hale.	
	Samuel Shaw.	
	Allen K. Zartman.	
	William J. Peters.	Stephen Strauss.
St. John's.	John G. Zahner, D. D.	
	John M. Grether.	Augustus Deneke.
	Jon. A. Novinger.	
	Herman Kortheuer.	
	Frederick Schaad.	
	Peter Herbruck, D. D.	
	David Kæmmerer, D. D.	
	Julius Herold.	Philip Herbruck.
	Edmund Erb.	Gottlieb Lautenschläger.
	John Biery.	
	Geo. W. Henning.	Michael Fox.
	Siegfried Thomas.	
	Milton H. Groh.	John Wilhelm.
	Wendelin H. Wittenwieler.	Daniel Zimmerman.
Eastern Ohio.	John M. Kendig.	Robert Bell.
	John J. Leberman.	Louis Conrad.
	Edward H. Otting	
	Jacob B. Zumpe.	
	Henry Hilbish.	John Williard.
Northern Illinois.	Daniel Lantz.	
Shelby.	Simon P. Myers.	Jacob Hileman.
Iowa.	No members present	
St. Joseph.	John R. Skinner.	David Stephey.
	Edwin R. Williard.	Peter Jacoby.
	William H. Ziegler.	William D. Platter.
Cincinnati.	John Bachman.	
Kansas.	John A. Nicolai.	
	Emanuel Richards.	

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Synod of the Northwest, Indiana Classis.—Rev. Scott F. Hershey; and *Zion's Classis*—Rev. Lewis Richter.

From Lancaster Classis, Synod in the United States.—Prof. Theodore Appel, D. D.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. John M. Jenkins, Presbyterian Church.
Rev. J. G. Madge, United Presbyterian Church.
Rev. Noah H. Weaver, Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Rev. J. C. Kauffman, " " "
Rev. W. M. Reese, Methodist Episcopal Church.
Rev. B. F. Booth, United Brethren Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, *President*, Wadsworth, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Henry Hilbish, *Corresponding Secretary*, North Lima, Ohio.
Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order adopted by the last Synod, a copy of which having been distributed to each member of Synod, were observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined by Synod as extending to the seventh pew from the front of the chancel.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of Synod:

The Morning Sessions to open at half-past eight, and close at half-

past eleven o'clock, and the first half hour to be spent in devotional services.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at two and close at five o'clock.

A session was held on Monday evening.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following Standing Committees were appointed, on the several subjects indicated, by the President:

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—Revs. Frederick Strassner, Geo. W. Henning, and Elder John C. Kremer.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.—Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Samuel B. Yockey, and Elder David Wilkins.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.—Revs. John M. Kendig, Richard B. Reichard, John Bachman, Wendelin H. Wittenwieler, and Elder John R. Crumm.

OVERTURES.—Revs. Theodore J. Bacher, Hiram Shaull, and Elder John Jackson.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.—Revs. Jesse Steiner, Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., John G. Zahner, D. D., Charles W. Hoyman, and Elders Lewis Keller and Gottlieb Burry.

STATE OF RELIGION.—Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, Samuel Shaw, and Elder Stephen Strauss.

MISSIONS.—Revs. Charles W. Hoyman, David Winters, D. D., and Elder Zachariah T. Paullins.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND EDUCATION.—Revs. Michael Loucks, Simon P. Myers, and Elder Benjamin Fornshell.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.—Revs. William McCaughey, Silas P. Mauger, and Elder John Cully.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND CATECHISATION.—Revs. Edwin R. Williard, Edward Herbruck, and Elder Jacob Myers.

PUBLICATION.—Revs. Nathaniel H. Loose, Henry H. Sandoe, and Elder David Stephey.

FINANCE.—Revs. John J. Leberman, Edmund Erb, and Elder Louis Conrad.

NOMINATIONS.—Revs. Henry M. Herman, Jesse Richards, and Elder David Long.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, St. John's, Northern Illinois, Shelby, Iowa, St. Joseph, Cincinnati and Kansas, were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the Committee on those subjects.

2. The Reports of the Board of Trustees, and of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, together with that of the Treasurer, and that of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, were received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

3. The Report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, and that of the Agent, and that of the Board of Visitors, were received and referred to the Committee on Heidelberg College.

4. The Reports of the Board of Home Missions, and of its Treasurer, were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

5. The Reports of the Board of Church Erection, and of its Treasurer, were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

6. The Report of the Board of Sunday Schools was received and referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

7. The Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

8. The Report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

9. Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services:

1. The sessions throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Committee on Religious Services presented their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Services would respectfully submit the following report:

I. Reformed Church.

Reformed Church, Orrville.—Thursday evening: Synodical Sermon, by Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver. Friday evening: Rev. Ephraim M. Epstein. Saturday afternoon: preparatory sermon, in German, Rev. Jacob B. Zumpe; liturgical services in English, Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Sunday morning: communion sermon in German, Rev. John Bachman. Sunday evening: communion sermon in English, Prof. Theodore Appel, D. D., assisted by Rev. David Winters, D. D.

Marshallsville.—Sunday morning: Rev. Prof. Theo. Appel, D. D.

Apple Creek.—Sunday morning and evening: Rev. Henry M. Herman and Rev. John M. Grether.

Wadsworth.—Sunday morning: Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

Wooster.—Sunday: Rev. William H. Ziegler and Rev. Charles M. Schaaf.

Massillon.—Sunday: Rev. John G. Zahner, D. D.

Canaan Charge.—Sunday: Rev. Wm. B. Sandoe.

Tuscarawas Charge.—Sunday: Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver.

II. Other Churches.

Presbyterian Church, Orrville.—Sunday morning: Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D. Sunday evening: Rev. Henry T. Spangler.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Orrville.—Sunday morning: Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D. Sunday evening: Rev. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.

United Presbyterian Church, Dalton.—Sunday morning: John M. Kendig. Sunday afternoon: Rev. Wm. McCaughey.

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Smithville.—Sunday morning: Rev. Simon P. Myers.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK STRASSNER, *Chairman.*

The religious services, as appointed by the Committee, were severally observed.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Synod, two copies of which were received in printed form through the Stated Clerk, were referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes. This Committee presented the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, after having carefully examined the Minutes of the Synod for 1876, would report that they find that the following items require the attention of Synod:

Item 1, page 37. The requirement of the dissolution of all Classical Boards of Missions.

Item 2, page 37. All missions are to be brought immediately under the care of Synod's Board.

Item 3, pages 37 and 38. The apportionment of the debt of the Boards of Missions and Church Erection among the Classes.

Item 4, page 37. The reference of the Greenville Mission to the Board of Church Erection.

Item 5, page 38. The reference of the acceptance and salary of the Superintendent of Missions to the Boards of Mission and Church Erection.

Item 6. The several Boards elected by and reporting to this Synod:

(*a*) The Board of Home Missions, page 38.
(*b*) The Board of Church Erection, page 39.
(*c*) The Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary, page 46.
(*d*) The Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary, page 46.
(*e*) The Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, page 53.
(*f*) The Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College, page 53.
(*g*) The Board of Trustees of Christian Aid Society, page 63.
(*h*) The Board of Sunday Schools, page 69.
(*i*) The Board of Publication, page 77.

Item 7, page 67. The Classes are instructed to organize themselves into Classical Sunday School Associations, with the view of ultimately securing the organization of a Synodical S. S. Convention.

Item 8, page 72. The appointment of an assistant agent in the will case of Geo. Shutt, deceased.

Item 9, page 72. The Treasurers of the several Boards of this

Synod are enjoined to give bonds respectively to the Trustees of Synod.

Item 10, page 80. The Committee on the Printing Establishment is continued, with the view of reporting to this Synod.

Item 11, page 81. Instruction to the Stated Clerk to have 1,300 copies of the Minutes of the last Synod published.

Item 12, page 84. The assessment of $350 of Synod's indebtedness among Classes.

Item 13, page 85. The balance of debt on the printing of the English Liturgy, due Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: For action in items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, *a* and *b*, see Article XIII., Missions; for disposition of item 6, in *c* and *d*, see Article XIV., Theological Seminary; in *e* and *f*, see Article XV., Heidelberg College; in *g*, see Article XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; in *h*, together with item 7, see Article XVII., Sunday Schools; in *i*, and items 10 and 11, see Article XXI., Publication; for action in items 8 and 9, see Article XX., Church Government; for results reacned in items 12 and 13, see Article XXII., Finance.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Minutes of Classes beg leave to report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find the following items requiring attention:

I. Irregularities.

Item 1. Miami Classis received Elder W. Kefauver into Classis without credentials.

Item 2. Tuscarawas Classis appointed licentiate J. L. Schatz, an advisory member present from Tiffin Classis, a teller.

Item 3. St. John's Classis dismissed Rev. H. Hilbish without dissolving his pastoral relations.

Item 4. Eastern Ohio Classis received Elders Geiger and Keim without proper credentials.

Item 5. Kansas Classis transacted business without a quorum.

Item 6. St. John's and Cincinnati Classes fail to record the items of business specified in the call for a special meeting.

Item 7. Cincinnati and Kansas Classes fail to return their Minutes on paper of the required form.

Item 8. St. John's and Tuscarawas Classes appointed elders on Installation Committees.

Item 9. Miami, Tiffin, St. John's, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois and Kansas Classes neglected to note absentees at different sessions of their bodies.

Item 10. Northern Illinois Classis fails to report its statistics in proper form.

II. Requests and Recommendations.

Item 11. Miami Classis requests Synod to make the next annual sessions a general convention.

Item 12. Iowa Classis requests Synod to confirm the irregular reception of Rev. J. A. Smith from Shelby Classis.

Item 13. St. John's and Cincinnati Classes request Synod to continue the permission granted last year to organize a German Synod.

Item 14. Kansas Classis requests Synod to pay one-third of the traveling expenses of its delegates.

Item 15. The same Classis requests Synod to "sanction the course of that Classis in transacting business without a quorum, and to ratify its transaction."

III. Appeals and Complaints.

Item 16. St. John's Classis protests against the action of Tuscarawas Classis, which held a Classical meeting within the limits of St. John's Classis, and makes complaint to the Ohio Synod.

Item 17. Tuscarawas Classis appoints Revs. S. B. Leiter, D. D., T. J. Bacher and S. C. Goss a Committee of Defense in the case of a complaint from St. John's Classis.

IV. Subjects Referred to Classes.

Item 18. Miami, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph's Classes approve of Synod's action requiring the dissolution of Classical

Boards of Mission, and place their missions under the care of Synod's Board.

Item 19. Lancaster, Tuscarawas, St. John's, Iowa and Cincinnati Classes refuse to accede to the same.

Item 20. Northern Illinois and Kansas Classes took no action on the same.

Item 21. Miami, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph's Classes adopted Synod's apportionment of Mission and Church Erection debt.

Item 22. Lancaster, Tuscarawas, St. John's and Cincinnati Classes refused to adopt the same.

Item 23. Tiffin, Northern Illinois and Cincinnati Classes approve the plan for beneficiary students recommended by Tuscarawas Classis.

Item 24. Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and Cincinnati Classes approve and recommend the Christian Aid Society to their people.

Item 25. Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois and St. Joseph's Classes approve of Synod's recommendation in regard to Sunday-School Conventions.

Item 26. Miami, Lancanster, St. John's, Iowa and Kansas Classes apparently take no action in regard thereto.

Item 27. Cincinnati Classis declines to accede for the present.

Item 28. Eastern Ohio, St. Joseph's and Cincinnati Classes adopt the form of Constitution for Congregations and Joint Consistories.

Item 29. All other Classes take no action.

Item 30. All the Classes approve and recommend the *Christian World* and S. S. publications, except St. John's, which takes no action.

Item 31. Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, St. Joseph's and Cincinnati Classes approve of Synod's plan for Printing House.

Item 32. Miami and Lancaster Classes disapprove thereof.

Item 33. St. John's, Iowa and Kansas Classes take no action.

Item 34. All Classes adopt and approve Synod's instruction regarding the Centennial, except Iowa, which took no action.

Item 35. Miami Classis acknowledges the irregularities pointed out by Synod.

Item 36. St. John's Classis refuses to dismiss the Wooster congregation in accordance with Synod's request.

V. Licensure, Ordination, Reception and Dismission.

Item 37. Miami Classis licensed and ordained G. W. H. Smith; licensed J. E. Dingeldine; received Rev. W. A. Hall, from Lancaster Classis; also received Rev. E. M. Epstein, M. D.; dismissed candidate W. H. Ziegler to St. Joseph's Classis.

Item 38. Lancaster Classis licensed and ordained J. W. Barber; dismissed Rev. W. A. Hall to Miami Classis; dismissed candidate A. K. Zartman to Tiffin Classis.

Item 39. Tuscarawas Classis received licentiate E. P. Herbruck from St. John's, and ordained him; ordained licentiate W. M. Andrews; dismissed candidate G. W. H. Smith to Miami Classis; dismissed Rev. E. Erb to St. John's Classis; received licentiate J. L. Schatz from Tiffin Classis, and ordained him; received licentiate C. Beck from St. John's Classis, and ordained him; dismissed Rev. J. M. Mickly to Zion's Classis, Rev. G. H. Albright to Iowa Classis, and Rev. H. F. Long to North Carolina Classis; received J. H. Beck from Indiana Classis, and Rev. J. V. Lerch from Kansas Classis.

Item 40. Tiffin Classis received licentiate J. L. Shatz from Northern Illinois Classis; dismissed Rev. J. D. Gehring to the Huron Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church; received S. Shaw from Westmoreland Classis; dismissed licentiate J. L. Schatz to Tuscarawas Classis; dismissed candidate F. W. Stump to Tuscarawas Classis; received candidate A. K. Zartman from Lancaster Classis, and ordained him; received the Hessville Charge from Erie Classis, and dismissed New Bavaria Charge to Erie Classis.

Item 41. St. John's Classis licensed Mr. C. Beck, and dismissed him to Tuscarawas Classis; received Rev. S. Thomas from Cincinnati Classis, and Rev. Ed. Erb from Tuscarawas Classis; dismissed Rev. H. Hilbish to the Eastern Ohio Classis, and Rev. A. Kern to Ursinus Classis; received Rev. J. Herold from Indiana Classis, and Rev. W. H. Wittenwieler from Eastern Ohio Classis, and received licentiate Milton H. Groh from Lebanon Classis, and ordained him.

Item 42. Eastern Ohio Classis dismissed Rev. W. H. Wittenwieler to St. John's Classis; dismissed Rev. G. M. Albright to Iowa Classis; received Rev. H. Hilbish from St. John's Classis.

Item 43. Northern Illinois Classis dismissed Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst to Nebraska Classis; received Rev. W. G. Hackman from St. Joseph's Classis.

Item 44. Iowa Classis received Rev. J. A. Smith from Shelby

Classis; dismissed Rev. T. Falk to Ursinus Classis, Rev. A. Shullenberger to Maryland Classis, and Rev. J. B. Shontz to East Susquehanna Classis.

Item 45. St. Joseph's Classis dismissed Rev. S. Z. Beam to Westmoreland Classis; received Rev. E. Leutzinger from Erie Classis; dismissed Rev. Wm. G. Hackman to St. Joseph's Classis.

Item 46. Cincinnati Classis received Rev. G. Beisser from Zion's Classis, Rev. A. Toensmeier from Erie Classis, Rev. N. Ruetenik from the Cincinnati Presbytery, Rev. H. Hanhart from Mercersburg Classis, and Rev. C. H. Schoepfle from Minnesota Classis; dismissed Rev. O. J. Accola to Erie Classis, and Rev. Siegfried Thomas to St. John's Classis.

Item 47. Kansas Classis received Rev. Emanuel Richards from the "Church of God;" dismissed Rev. J. V. Lerch to Tuscarawas Classis.

Item 48. Tiffin Classis restored to the gospel ministry W. J. Peters, subject to the approval of Synod.

VI. Annual Meetings of Classes.

Item 49. *Miami Classis* will meet in Miamisburg, Montgomery County, Ohio, October 11, 1877, at 7½ o'clock P. M. Rev. J. Steiner, President, Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk, Mr. A. H. Baughman, Treasurer.

Item 50. *Lancaster Classis* will meet in Kinnickinnick Church, Ross County, Ohio, Wednesday evening, October 17, 1877, at 7 o'clock. Rev. J. Vogt, President, Rev. George H. Leonard, Stated Clerk, Rev. S. P. Mauger, Treasurer.

Item 51. *Tuscarawas Classis* will meet in Reedsburg, Ohio, September 19, 1877, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. T. J. Bacher, President, Rev. N. H. Loose, Stated Clerk, Mr. T. W. Chapman, Treasurer.

Item 52. *Tiffin Classis* will meet in the Reformed Church at Bloomville, on the next to the last Thursday in August, 1877, at 7 o'clock. Rev. L. H. Kefauver, President, Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 53. *St. John's Classis* will meet at Wooster last Wednesday in September, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. P. Greding, D. D., President, Rev. J. G. Zahner, D. D., Stated Clerk, Mr. D. Zimmerman, Treasurer.

Item 54. *Eastern Ohio Classis* will meet at Louisville, Stark County, Ohio, at 7 o'clock P. M., September 19, 1877. Rev. J. B.

Zumpe, President, Rev. J. M. Kendig, Stated Clerk, Mr. W. S. Winings, Treasurer.

Item 55. *Northern Illinois Classis* will meet at Walnut Grove, first Thursday in October, 1877, at 7 P. M. Rev. I. A. Sites, President, Rev. J. Sechler, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 56. *Iowa Classis* will meet at Tipton, Iowa, first Wednesday of October, at 7½ P. M. Rev. G. Weber, President, Rev. D. S. Fouse, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 57. *St. Joseph's Classis* will meet at Goshen, Indiana, the third Thursday in October, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. W. H. Fenneman, President, Rev. E. R. Williard, Stated Clerk, Rev. L. Grosenbaugh, Treasurer.

Item 58. *Cincinnati Classis* will meet at Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio, on the 20th of September, at 7 P. M., 1877. Rev. J. Heckman, President, Rev. J. Bachman, Stated Clerk, and Mr. H. Wunker, Treasurer.

Item 59. *Kansas Classis* will meet at Grand Prairie, Brown County, Kansas, October 18, 1877, at 7½ P. M. Rev. J. A. Nicolai, President, Rev. J. A. Keller, Stated Clerk, and Mr. F. Isley, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48 to 59 were adopted; items 5, 7, 27 and 34 were adopted, and the Classes named therein excused; for action in items 12, 14, 15, 22, 32, 33, and 47 first clause, see Article XX., Church Government; for result reached in items 16, 17 and 36, see Article XIX., Complaints; for disposition of item 19, see Article XIII., Missions; item 20 was adopted, and the attention of these Classes directed to the matter; for action in item 26, see Article XVII., Sunday Schools; item 30 was adopted, and the request re-affirmed respecting St. John's Classis.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was received, and, having been considered item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to submit the following report:

Item 1. Is a letter from Rev. Geo. M. Albright, Columbus Junction, Iowa, claiming ten dollars for traveling expenses to the General Synod at Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1875, as attorney in the case of St. John's Classis' appeal from the decision of the Ohio Synod in 1873.

Item 2. (*a*) Is a paper of notification of the Presbytery of Winona, Minnesota, respecting the reception of Rev. Harvey Wilson from the Shelby Classis into the aforesaid body, together with explanations of the same. (*b*) Is a paper from Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., giving an explanation as to his part in the matter.

Item 3. Is a letter from Rev. Jacob Klingler asking to be excused for non-attendance of Synod.

Item 4. (*a*) Is a bill from the Elm Street Printing Company, Cincinnati, of $18.50 for printing 1,000 copies of the Constitution of the Christian Aid Society in English; and (*b*) is a bill from Messrs. Krehbiel & Moss, of Cincinnati, Ohio, for printing 1,000 copies of the Constitution of said Society in German, $23, and 500 circulars in English and German, $5, amounting to $28.00.

Item 5. Is a letter from Rev. H. Shaull, having reference to a general and cordial invitation from Rev. John Pence to the members of the Ohio Synod to attend the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage, on the 7th of June, at his residence near Tremont, Clark County, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE J. BACHER, *Chairman.*

The disposition of the report: Item 1 was adopted, and the claim allowed; for action in item 2, see Article XX., Church Government; item 3 adopted and the request granted; for action in item 4, see Article XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; item 5 adopted, and for action therein see Article XXIV., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application having been made in behalf of James N. Bachman, Alpheus E. C. Baichly, Milton F. Frank, Jerome B. Henry, David J. Meese, John S. Stoner, Frederick W. Stump and Edward D.

Wettach, students of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, and regularly dismissed therefrom, for examination and licensure, they were referred to the Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination. This Committee, during the morning session on Saturday, May 26, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would respectfully submit the following report: That they examined the applicants referred to them, on the various subjects taught in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, at Tiffin, also in reference to their personal piety and the motives that impelled them to enter the ministry, and are pleased to represent to this Synod that *the result was satisfactory.*

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE STEINER, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the applicants are hereby licensed to preach the gospel, and that the officers of Synod are instructed to furnish them with certificates of licensure, upon their signing the *Formula*, as prescribed by the Constitution.

Resolved, That the licentiates be severally referred to the Classis respectively designated, as follows: Jerome B. Henry to Miami Classis; Alpheus E. C. Baichly to Lancaster Classis; Milton F. Frank, John S. Stoner and Edward D. Wettach to Tuscarawas Classis; James N. Bachman and David J. Meese to Tiffin Classis; and Frederick W. Stump to Northern Illinois Classis.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—Under the direction of our merciful heavenly Father we have been guided safely through another ecclesiastical year. Cycle after cycle has been added to the twig which was transplanted into this Western soil more than half a century ago, until it has grown to be quite a tree. As a Synod we started in

helpless infancy, but, through self-denying labors, have struggled through difficulties until we have reached the period of vigorous manhood, and that, too, without bearing any perceptible marks of decaying old age. And to-day we can rejoice in having the means at hand by which to develop our spiritual life and resources, and place us in such an ecclesiastical position as to give us honorable rank with other churches. This is due mainly to the rich blessing of Almighty God upon the earnest labors of his ordained ministers and zealous laymen of the Church.

The progress made during the past year, as indicated in the different Classical reports, is commendable, and compares quite favorably with that of previous years. The Lord has, in a remarkable way, blessed his ministering servants with health so as to enable them to labor uninterruptedly in his service. With the exception of one Classis, of which it is said, "the past year has been one of special trial, and much sickness prevailed among some of the pastors and members," there is but one report concerning the health of the brethren.

Without any special interpositions of Divine Providence to interfere with their labors, the ministers have been diligent in dispensing the means of grace to their people. The word has been faithfully preached and the sacraments regularly administered. There has been no lack of interest in these divinely-appointed means upon the part of the membership generally throughout the bounds of the Synod. And where they are not so highly esteemed, this forms the exception, and not the rule. May the Lord, who has set his table in the wilderness, give them all a strong desire for the bread of everlasting life.

Others, who hear the word, are like a man "that beholds his natural face in a glass, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was." They are hearers of the word, but not doers of the same. They do not absent themselves from the table of the Lord, but being found there they only eat and drink judgment to themselves, not discerning the Lord's body.

Others who make a personal application of the word to themselves, and have a desire to be built up in the faith, are not actively engaged in leading others to the Savior. Of this, one of the Classes especially complains. Their religion is selfish in its nature. They seem to be satisfied with the salvation of their own souls, and are willing that others may perish. The second table of the command-

ments does not enter very largely into their religious feelings. They give but little heed to the lesson designed to be taught by our Savior in his parable of the Good Samaritan, and forget that if one convert a sinner from the error of his way, he shall save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins, and that this duty is demanded of all Christians.

The children of the Church are receiving special attention, which is a good omen. These are to be pillars upon which the Church of the future is to rest; and if they are properly instructed in her doctrines and led to observe her customs, she will not only have many to bear her up on the angry waves of strife, but also stanch ones which will endure the severest storms. Sunday-schools exist in nearly every congregation, and there is much activity in gathering the children into them for instruction and religious edification. The conventions, which are held by nearly all of the Classes, are a means of making our Sunday-school work effective and of enlisting the sympathies of the very best men and women in this noble cause.

Besides the work of educating the children and youth under this particular form, catechisation has received very general attention. When we remember that the religious training of our children in this way met with serious opposition from within as well as from without not very many years ago, it is gratifying to learn that in some of the Classes this important duty is fully attended to. And this growing interest in this old-established custom of the Reformed Church, is pointed to, in some of the Classical reports, as a hopeful sign for the future prosperity of our pastoral charges. There is some complaint, however, that there is still some neglect in this important branch of church activity. To some the Heidelberg Catechism in the instruction of the youth is a sealed book.

As the result of faithful preaching, Sabbath-school labors, catechising and earnest pastoral work, many have been added to the Church, as will be seen by reference to the statistical tables. Some of the dead branches have been revived, and now promise to bear fruit again. New congregations have been formed, and interesting missionary points have been established. And in some localities the seed has been sown where it is expected that it will germinate and grow, and require the labors and watchfulness of some of our unemployed husbandmen to fence the grounds and gather the fruit.

The various benevolent objects of the Church have received attention; but there has been a falling off of benevolent contributions

during the last year, which seems to be the result of the "hard times" principally. But one Classis reports an increase of benevolent funds on former years. There are complaints that some of the ministers not only fail to urge this important branch of church work upon their people, but actually refuse them the privilege of exercising their benevolent feelings. With all the praise that is due to our hard-worked ministry, this is a foul stain upon its otherwise fair escutcheon. If we wish to be eminently successful as a Church, our alms, as well as our prayers, must be offered to God as a sweet-smelling savor.

The ranks of the ministry have been wonderfully preserved from the attacks of the destroying angel. Only two deaths are reported, one of which was brought to the notice of the Synod last year already. And although a proper tribute was paid to his memory then, we wish to put on record here the sentiments of those who had the best opportunities of knowing him, as expressed in their Classical report, viz: "We are under the painful necessity to record the death of one of the oldest and most faithful of our watchmen on the walls of Zion, Rev. H. Williard, of blessed memory. All have felt sadly his loss in our councils. He was ever ready to engage in that which was for the best interests of the Church, and faithful to important trusts committed into his hands."

The Eastern Ohio Classis lost one minister, by death, in the person of Rev. Thomas Ferrell. His Classis bears this testimony concerning him: "Although since his connection with this Classis he did not have the care of a pastoral charge, yet his labors in other channels have reflected the glory of God." Thus one by one of the faithful sentinels are falling at their posts; but while we mourn over these bereavements, we rejoice in the fact that there are other faithful servants to fill up the depleted ranks of the ministry.

And now unto Him who is able to keep you, and present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

(*For Statistical Reports, see Appendix.*)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

I. The Annual Reports.

The following reports were received and referred:

1. *Report of Board of Home Missions of Ohio Synod.*

The Board has only a short report to make to the Synod of its operations during the year. This is not because of any want of interest it has had in the work, nor because nothing was to be done, but solely because it has not had the means necessary to carry the work forward as it should have been. We have made repeated appeals to the Church, stated the actual distress of some of our missionaries, and urged the necessity of greater liberality; but we are sorry to say that comparatively little has been done. Why it is so we are at a loss fully to explain. It is true the times are hard and money is scarce, but it is hardly presumable that the Church would be so very remiss if the actual necessities of the case were known. There is reason, therefore, to fear that the ministers, in many instances at least, have not brought the matter before their people as they should, and have not urged them to come up to the full measure of their duty. As it is, so very little has been contributed to this object that the operations of the Board have been very limited, and its work very perplexing, as it has not been able to meet the appropriations of the missionaries when they have been in actual need. The Board is in debt to all its missionaries, and has not the funds with which to pay what is due. Under these circumstances we have not felt warranted in making any new appropriations, although urged to do so in the case of some very promising openings. Several brethren have gone into vacant and destitute fields, and are now laboring in them in the hope that the Church will come to their support, and will be sadly disappointed if no help is given.

The debt which the Board reported to the Synod last year is probably as large now as it then was. No Classis has, as yet, sent in the full amount of the apportionment made at the last Synodical meeting for this specific object. The probability is that the receipts have barely met the expenditures of the year, so that the debt remains very nearly the same that it was, as will be seen from the Treasurer's Report.

The Board was very anxious to have the Superintendent of Missions elected at the last Synod, accept of the appointment, and devote himself to the work; but as several of the Classes, at their annual meeting, declined to dissolve their Boards, and operate through the parent Board, as requested by the Synod, both the Board and Superintendent came to the conclusion that the work was too much circumscribed by this action to justify the expenditure that would be required if the Superintendent would devote his whole attention to it. Hence arrangements were made with the Superintendent-elect to devote a part of his time to the work of the Board, to a great extent as it had previously been. The attention of the Synod is therefore called to the subject, in the hope that something may be done that will meet the exigencies of the case. If the Church were of one mind in regard to the expediency of such a superintendence, and all would unite in their efforts to give it success, there is little doubt but that it would give a new impetus to the missionary work; but, as it is, it is difficult to see which would be for the best.

The following are the missions that have been under the care of the Board during the year:

Denver City, Colorado.—This mission is still served by the Rev. J. A. Keller, and has made some progress during the year. Special efforts have been made to provide for the entire debt of the church, and hopes are entertained that this desirable end will be secured at no distant period. This being done, the mission will be in a fair way to become self-supporting. The appropriation is $400. Preaching in both English and German.

Brown County Mission, Kansas.—Rev. Emanuel Richards is laboring in this field with encouraging success. New points have been added to the mission, so that there is reason to believe that it would have become self-sustaining had this section of country not been again visited by the grasshoppers, which have destroyed the crops and left the people in want. As it is, they ask that the appropriation of $150 be continued for another year. Altogether English.

Abilene, Kansas.—Rev. C. Wieser was appointed to this field in August, 1876, and labored with apparent success. For some strange and unaccountable reason he committed suicide, as was supposed, a few months ago, which left the field vacant. Arrangements have been made by the congregation with Rev. E. Bauman to serve them for the present without any missionary aid. This field is exclusively German.

Wathena, Kansas.—This mission was occupied during the year by Rev. J. A. Nicolai. It has asked for an appropriation of $150, but the Board has not, for the want of funds, as yet made the appropriation of more than $100. It is German.

Ravanna, Missouri.—This mission was occupied by the Rev. Jos. H. Schlappig, March 18, 1877, and asks for an appropriation of $200. The Board did not feel justified in making an appropriation of more than $100.

Hiawatha, Kansas, makes an earnest appeal for aid in the confident belief that the point will become self-supporting in a short time. The Board is kept back from making any appropriation for the want of funds.

Goshen, Indiana.—This mission, we are pleased to say, has already become self-supporting, under the efficient labors of Rev. Wm. H. Ziegler. It has a very fine church, very nearly paid for, and a membership of forty-seven. The President of the Board assisted the pastor in the late Easter services, and takes great pleasure in declaring it self-sustaining. The appropriation was $100.

Fostoria, Ohio.—A conditional appropriation has been made to Fostoria charge, at the request of the Tiffin Classis, which obligates itself for the money. Rev. A. Casselman is the missionary in charge.

In addition to the above, other points have received assistance from the Classes in whose bounds they are; but, as no report has been made, we can not make any definite statements respecting them.

From what has now been said, it will be seen that we have not done for missions, as a Church, what we might and could have done. The field is white for the harvest. God has opened a wide door of usefulness for us, but we have failed to occupy the grounds, and many promising points are still suffered to lie waste. For this neglect the Lord will hold us responsible, and will, erelong, enter into a reckoning with us, and who can abide the day of his coming? There is surely reason for humiliation and prayer, lest judgment begin at the house of God.

For a detailed statement of the finances of the Board, we refer the Synod to the report of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President.*

2. *Report of Treasurer of Home Missions.*

L. H. Kefauver, *Treasurer, in Account with the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod.*

	DR.
Rev. L. M. Kerschner	$ 6 50
2d Reformed Church, Dayton, per Rev. O. J. Accola	64 00
Grace Reformed Church, Columbiana, per Rev. J. M. Kendig	7 60
" Sabbath School " " "	7 40
St. Martin's Congregation, New Lisbon Charge	11 12
St. Jacob's " " " "	9 59
Bloomville Congregation, Seneca Co., Ohio	16 00
West Alexandria Congregation, per Rev. R. B. Reichard	8 27
Millersburg, Indiana Congregation, per Rev. W. H. Ziegler	8 50
Goshen, " " " "	6 92
Rev. E. R. Williard, per Rev. W. H. Ziegler	8 10
Zion's Congregation, New Madison Charge, per Rev. L. M. Kerschner	5 00
Reformed Sabbath School, Wooster, per Rev. H. Hilbish	5 00
Timothy Congregation, New Madison Charge, per Rev. L. M. Kerschner	5 00
Fruth's Congregation, per Rev. Aug. Konetzkey	4 05
Liberty Center Congregation, per Rev. J. Michael	6 00
Bloomville, Ohio Congregation, per Elder J. Krilly	1 50
New Lisbon Charge, per Rev. G. M. Albright	3 00
Warren Charge, per Rev. E. H. Otting	8 00
Fremont Charge, per Rev. J. H. Good, D. D.	7 00
Denver Sabbath School, per Rev. J. A. Keller	1 50
Greenville Sabbath School	2 00
Bascom Congregation, per J. L. Schatz	15 00
Mt. Carmel Charge, per Rev. A. Hawker	4 50
Colon Charge, per Rev. W. H. Ziegler	6 00
Wakeshma Charge, per Rev. S. Z. Beam	10 00
St. Jacob's Congregation, per Rev. J. H. Good, D. D.	3 00
Springfield Charge, per W. S. Winings	41 00
Greenville Congregation, per Rev. R. B. Reichard	10 50
Louisville Charge, per Rev. J. J. Leberman	10 00
Springboro Charge, per Rev. H. Shumaker	50 17
St. Paris Congregation, per Rev. Jesse Steiner	10 00
Union Charge, per Rev. H. Shaull	4 00
Sabbath School of Fostoria Charge	2 50
Rev. F. W. Kremer D. D.	63 00
Union Charge, per Rev. W. H. Fenneman	43 50
Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D.	31 50
Mt. Zion Charge, per Rev. D. Winters, D. D.	45 00
Elk Creek Congregation, per Rev. P. C. Prugh	2 00
Ravanna Mission, per Rev. J. V. Lerch	1 15
Salem Congregation, per Prof. J. P. Moore	7 60
Reformed Church at Denver, per Rev. J. A. Keller	6 00
Mrs. O. L. Mueller, " "	5 00
Winchester, Ohio Congregation, per Rev. P. C. Prugh	2 80
Shenandoah Charge, per Rev. J. V. Lerch	13 76
Rev. Geo. W. Henning	3 00
Springboro Congregation, per Rev. R. B. Reichard	5 61
" Sabbath School " "	12 95
Zion's Congregation, per Rev. W. J. Peters	27 00
Carried over,	$634 59

Brought forward,	$684 59
Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D	31 50
Rev. W. McCaughey	5 00
1st Reformed Church, Tiffin, per Rev. L. H. Kefauver	75 00
Germantown Congregation, per Rev. P. C. Prugh	13 50
Elk Creek Congregation " "	2 00
Rev. E. R. Williard, per Rev. W. H. Ziegler	10 10
Bunker Hill Charge, " "	14 96
Zion's Mission, " "	14 51
A widow from Bascom Congregation, per Rev. J. H. Good, D. D.	2 00
Robertsville Congregation, per Rev. J. J. Leberman	5 75
Sabbath School 1st Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, per Rev. F. W. Kremer D. D	50 00
Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D	31 50
Miamisburg, Ohio, Congregation, per Rev. Wm. McCaughey	10 00
Sabbath School of Reformed Church at Xenia, per Rev. S. B. Yockey	30 00
Jerusalem Congregation, per Rev. H. Shaull	2 25
Springboro Reformed Sabbath School, per Rev. R. B. Reichard	16 60
Bloomville, Ohio Congregation, per Rev. S. Shaw	18 50
	$966 16

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Balance due Treasurer, on settlement last year	$215 95
By cash to Rev. J. A. Keller	223 50
" " P. C. Prugh	70 30
" Mrs. H. Williard	25 00
" Rev. R. B. Reichard	64 33
" " G. Beisser	64 00
" " L. M. Kerschner	10 00
" " Emanuel Shultz	59 00
" " W. H. Ziegler	74 09
" " D. K. Fulcason	80 00
" " Emanuel Richards	100 00
" " J. V. Lerch	18 76
" " J. H. Schlappig	25·00
" Bloomville Mission	17 50
" Missionary Superintendent	36
" For postage, stationery, etc	1 20
" For interest	13 18
" Rev. R. B. Reichard	41 60
" Bloomville Mission	18 50
Total	$1122 27
Amount due Treasurer	156 11

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

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3. *Report of the Board of Church Erection.*

The Board of Church Erection would respectfully beg leave to offer the following report of their labors for the past Synodical year. Some progress has been made in the work intrusted to our care.

The financial embarrassment existing in our country has done much toward retarding our work, and preventing us from realizing fully the anticipations we entertained one year ago. As it is, we are glad to report that some important and permanent work has been accomplished. Hamilton and Greenville churches were the objective points of our labors. These were urgent in their claims, and the condition of affairs was threatening.

All our appeals for aid from the churches, by circulars and personal efforts, met with no tangible response. As a last resort, the Board availed itself of the services of Rev. J. M. Kendig, the authorized agent of Synod, to labor in the Church in behalf of our Board. He entered upon his duties in the Classis of Miami, and labored about six weeks with most encouraging success. During this period of time he secured notes to the sum of about one thousand dollars, to be paid in two years from date, January 1, 1877. Two thousand dollars are yet to be secured. Our prospects are brightening; and we hope that the whole amount of three thousand dollars will be secured on the same conditions. Then we can secure to the Church these two important interests.

The Hamilton Church is now saved. The Treasurer of the Board was instructed to visit Hamilton, to secure a full and complete transfer of the property to the Church. Such desirable results will have been attained when the present Synod acquiesces in the requests of our Board.

The Board, in view of the facts presented, would suggest:

1. That Synod make provision for the completion of the work already so well and so auspicously begun.

2. That the missionary superintendency be continued, and that the continuance of the services of the present worthy and active agent be urged.

3. That, in regard to the interest at Hamilton, the following action be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Reformed Church at Hamilton, Ohio, is not yet fully relieved from its embarrassed financial condition, inasmuch as the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College holds several notes against Rev. Geo. Z. Mechling and Mr. Nathan Jacoby, which have been secured by mortgage against said church; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Church Erection has complied with the conditions proposed by Rev. Geo. Z. Mechling and Mr. Nathan Jacoby to the Ohio Synod at Miamisburg, in April, 1875; and now,

in order that the Reformed Church at Hamilton may be entirely relieved of its embarrassment, and that the agreement entered into by the said Synod and the said church may be fully complied with, therefore,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod hereby authorizes the officers of the Board of Church Erection to execute a note, or notes, to the Trustees of Heidelberg College, for the amount due the said Trustees, together with the interest accrued thereon, and thus redeem the notes of said Mechling and Jacoby, and free the Reformed Church at Hamilton of its debt.

Resolved, That the Trustees of Heidelberg College are hereby respectfully requested to acquiesce in this action of the Ohio Synod.

In behalf of the Board of Church Erection.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *President.*

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4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *in Account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church.*

1877.		DR.
Jan. 25	Received of the Cæsar Creek Charge, per Rev. J. M. Kendig,	$12 00
"	" " Xenia Congregation, " " "	23 00
"	" " Beaver " " " "	41 25
Jan. 27	" " Springboro " " " "	10 50
Feb. 15	" " West Alexandria Charge " " "	7 00
"	" " Sidney " " " "	1 00
May 23	Balance due the Treasurer.....	4 35
		$99 10

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1877.		CR.
Feb. 6	Paid for Blank Notes, for the use of the Board.....	$ 2 50
" "	" Balance due former Treasurer, Rev. S. B. Yockey.....	8 20
" 15	" Rev. J. M. Kendig, Traveling Expenses as Agent.....	23 00
" 16	" " " on Salary as Agent.....	55 00
April 2	" Platt Evens, Jr., for Seal for Board.....	8 00
May	" Incidental Expenses, as Drafts, Express, etc.....	1 40
"	" Stationery and Postage.....	1 00
		$99 10

The debt of the Board of Church Erection, in 1876, amounting to $42.34, was apportioned by the last Synod among the several Classes, as appears from the Synodical Minutes, 1876, page 38. As none but Miami Classis has paid the amount apportioned, there is

still due and owing to the Board, $30.75. The delinquent Classes, together with the amounts due, are as follows:

Lancaster	$5 70	Eastern Ohio	$5 70
Tuscarawas	5 70	Northern Illinois	90
Tiffin	5 70	St. Joseph	2 65
St. John's	2 65	Cincinnati	1 75

These several amounts should be paid at once, and thus aid the Board to meet pressing claims.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

P. S.—Since the last meeting of Synod, and after rendering his annual report to Synod, the former Treasurer, Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, received and appropriated the following moneys, namely:

1876.			
Oct. 17	From	Rev. H. Shaull, for Denver Mission	$10 00
"	"	Rev. W. McCaughey, for Greenville Church	5 00
"	"	Rev. A. Hawker	2 00
"	"	Robert Miller, Fairfield Charge, Ohio	2 00
Nov. 5	"	Xenia Congregation	8 10
			$27 10

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5. *Report of General Superintendent of Missions.*

To the Synod of Ohio:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—One year ago I was elected Missionary Superintendent by the Synod, in session at Canal Winchester. After due deliberation and prayer I was led to believe it was my duty to accept, and accordingly determined so to do. When, however, I came to consult with the Boards of Mission and Church Erection, it was soon seen that they felt fearful of the responsibility Synod had placed upon them. It was felt that to add the support of the Superintendent to the regular expenses of the Boards was more than they felt able to assume.

The Superintendent signified his willingness to submit to their wisdom, leaving the further settlement of duties to the Synod. Accordingly it was agreed that the Superintendent should devote one-fourth of his time to the work of the joint Boards. An effort was made upon this basis, but it soon was proven that the work could not be done in that way with efficiency.

For the Board of Missions I did but little. In our own Classis

I presented the matter. I also visited Miami Classis; others I could not visit, for the reason that no less than six convened at the same time, and others could not be visited because of the pressure of home duties. I spent six weeks in Miami Classis, canvassing for the Board of Church Erection, and met with a reasonable degree of success. If that Classis generally responded as well as the majority of the congregations visited responded, that Classis itself could furnish the funds needed for Greenville and Hamilton. As my time was limited, on account of my charge in Columbiana, I could not complete the work of canvassing.

Further than this I have done nothing, except a little in the way of correspondence, of which no further mention need be made.

The results of the past year in this direction have not been of much force. I can not attend to a charge and also to this work—either furnishes all the work any man can do.

It is difficult, at this day, to tell what the Synod wanted its Superintendent to do. On this point some diversity of opinion exists. Some were of the opinion that he was to be a Missionary Agent, *i. e.*, that his chief work was to solicit funds. In this your Superintendent did not agree. It seemed to him that the chief work would have been to visit the mission fields, especially vacant ones, thus encouraging and strengthening them; and also, when able, to seek out new fields, as fast as they can be filled with competent men. This I conceived to be his chief work; and then, when time and opportunity presented, he could present our mission work to the old and wealthier charges. Of this, however, Synod, in its action, gave no opinion.

The refusal of a number of Classes to co-operate with Synod in its work, in the form it had assumed, renders it a difficult task to labor with a promise of success. Our efforts must be united, if we would succeed.

In view of what is here given, I feel disposed to return to you the office given into my hands a year ago, and accordingly resign the office of Missionary Superintendent, which I hope you will accept.

I am very truly your servant,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Missionary Sup't.*

II. Report of the Committee on Home Missions.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions submitted their report, which was received, amended, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

The following documents came into the hands of your Committee, which form the basis of their report, namely: The Report of the Board of Missions, with Report of Treasurer; the Report of the Superintendent of Missions, and Report of Board of Church Erection and Treasurer's Report.

We learn from the report of the Board of Missions that but little has been done during the year to extend the missionary operations within the bounds of this Synod, for want of the necessary funds. The indebtedness of the Board has unfortunately not been reduced, but, on the other hand, has been increased. The amount due missionaries in the field and Treasurer of Board, to this date, is $2,444.23. The Superintendent of Missions, for reasons given in his report, spent but little time in the field in behalf of the interest of Missions and Church Erection. He resigns the office to which he was elected, and requests Synod to accept his resignation. Your Committee regret that the reports in connection with this subject do not set forth the actual amount contributed for missions, from the fact that many of the Classes in the bounds of this Synod carry forward the work of missions in their own bounds, independent of the parent Board; and, therefore, at least one-half of the amount contributed is not reported—and, in consequence, a wrong impression is made on the Church at large in regard to the interest this Synod takes in the work of missions.

The Board of Church Erection has received but a very small amount of money, as you will see by reference to their report, during the past year; but have succeeded, through the earnest efforts of the Superintendent of Missions, to secure a considerable amount in notes and other obligations, to release the pressing wants of one at least of the missions referred to them one year ago by this Synod.

Your Committee, after having examined the reports placed in their hands, and giving due consideration to the subject involved, would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the earnest attention of the different Classes

within the bounds of this Synod be called to the apportionments made by the last Synod to meet the indebtedness of the Boards of Mission and of Church Erection. (Minutes 1876, page 38.)

Resolved, That the action, contained in the report of the Board of Church Erection, respecting the Reformed Church at Hamilton, be, and hereby is, adopted.

Resolved, That, with the view of meeting the future wants of the Church in regard to her missionary operations, the prayerful attention of all our congregations, as well as of ministers and members, be called to the important subject of Missions and Church Erection, and that we recommend the holding of missionary festivals, and that the great importance of the subject be presented to the membership of the Church, and that a new, earnest and united effort be made to increase the contributions, and thus aid in successfully carrying forward this important branch of Christian work.

Resolved, That this Synod reaffirms its action of last year, requiring the dissolution of all Classical Boards of Mission, and the bringing of all missions under the care of Synod's Board, and affectionately requests all non-compliant Classes to comply with that action. (Minutes 1876, page 37.)

Resolved, That this Synod accepts the resignation of the General Superintendent of Missions.

Resolved, That no missionary ground be occupied, nor pastoral mission be supplied by any minister, without first consulting the Board of Missions; nor shall any money be paid by the aforesaid Board where such approval has not been secured.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. HOYMAN, *Chairman.*

III. Appointment of a Missionary Superintendent.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the matter of the appointment of a General Missionary Superintendent be referred to the Boards of Missions and of Church Erection.

IV. Election of Board of Home Missions.

Rev. Jer. H. Good, D. D.,
" Lewis H. Kefauver,
" Geo. W. Williard, D. D.,
Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose,
Mr. Lewis Keller,
" Frank Slaymaker.

V. Election of Board of Church Erection.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Rev. Samuel B. Yockey,
" Henry M. Herman, " Peter C. Prugh,
Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. The Annual Reports.

The following reports were received and referred:

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, after the meeting of Synod at Canal Winchester, in 1876, organized by the election of Rev. David Winters, D. D., as President, Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., as Treasurer, and Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, as Secretary. Through the prompt efficiency of the Treasurer, the Board has been able to meet all its liabilities during the year. As to the financial condition of the Seminary, the Synod is referred to the Treasurer's report. Two vacancies occur, viz: Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., and Rev. H. M. Herman's terms expire. The attention of Synod is called to this fact.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WINTERS, *President.*

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2. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer, in Account with the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, at Tiffin, Ohio.*

Moneys received during the Synodical Year ending May 23, 1877.

1876.		DR.	
May	17	To balance in the Treasury	$ 150 59
	27	Geo. F. Medlar, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	1 50
July	10	Daniel Wampler, Massillon, O., interest on note	3 00
	24	Stephen Hagenbuch, Dayton, O., interest on note	18 00
	25	Dr. J. H. Good, Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	32 00
		Jacob V. Prugh, Dayton, O., interest on note	3 00
	29	Thos. L. Prugh, Dayton, O., interest on note	3 00
		Carried over,	$211 09

		Brought forward	$211 09
Aug.	8	Joseph Slough, Delaware, O., interest on note	18 00
	8	Dr. D. Winters, Dayton, O., interest on notes	27 00
		Jacob Sullivan, Rock Grove, Ill., interest on note	3 00
	16	Gideon G. Prugh, Dayton, O., interest on note	6 00
	17	Levi W. Mease, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	6 00
	19	Abel Peterson, N. Burlington, O., interest on note	3 00
	26	C. Gross & Bro., Philadelphia, Pa., interest on note	30 00
	30	Rev. F. W. Berleman, Millville, O., interest on note	1 50
		William Huber, Millville, O., interest on note	1 50
Oct.	10	Benjamin Kuhns, Dayton, O., interest on note	12 00
		Farmer's F. M. Co., Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	80 00
	17	John Kipfer, Upper Sandusky, O., interest on note	1 50
	20	Samuel Schmidt, Dakota, Ill., interest on note	6 00
Nov.	1	Samuel Hetrick, Ada, O., interest on note	3 00
		Catharine Klingler, Ada, O., interest on note	3 00
		Dr. J. H. Good, Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	4 00
		N. L. Brewer, Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	200 00
		Dayton City Bonds, semi-annual interest	280 00
		Montgomery County Bond, semi-annual interest	20 00
	8	Henry Bates' estate, Taylorsville, O., interest on note	13 98
		D. W. Winters & Bro., Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	52 00
	11	Samuel Crist, Royalton, O., interest on note	6 00
		Dr. J. H. Good, Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	6 66
	18	Montgomery County Bond, interest in advance	12 00
		First Reformed Church, Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	28 00
	29	Dr. Herman Rust, Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	36 66
1877.			
Jan.	12	A. A. Unger, West Alexandria, O., interest on note	1 50
	16	Michael Huiet's estate, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	50 00
	27	Levi Kiester, Rock Grove, Ill., interest on note	3 00
	29	Jacob Swope, Astoria, Ill., interest on note	3 00
		George Bair, Astoria, Ill., interest on note	3 00
Feb.	1	Dr. J. H. Good, Tiffin, O., interst on money borrowed	16 00
		Mast & Albert, Murray, Ind., interest on note	3 90
		Wm. S. Wininga, Germano, O., interest on note	18 00
	8	Emanuel Spangler, Summum, Ill. interest on note	6 00
	10	Samuel K. Epler, Lasalle, Mich., interest on note	9 00
	16	George Crider, Massillon, O., interest on note	6 00
	19	Amos Bricker, Astoria, Ill., interest on note	3 00
March	1	Albert Albright, Shuey's Mills, Wis., interest on note	6 00
	5	A. A. Unger, West Alexandria, O., interest on note	3 00
	23	L. H. Diehl, Summum, Ill., interest on note	12 00
		Isaac Brillhart, Summum, Ill., interest on note	3 00
		Daniel Horner, Summum, Ill., interest on note	3 00
		John Horner, Summum, Ill., interest on note	3 00
		Lackwell Parr, Summum, Ill., interest on note	3 00
April	2	Dr. D. Winters, Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	30 00
		Mrs. M. A. Winters, Dayton, O., int. on money borrowed	96 00
	9	Jacob Gephart, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	1 50
	14	Jacob Urschel, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	20 00
	18	Farmer's F. M. Co., Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	80 00
	25	Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	16 00
		Christian Gross & Bros., Philadelphia, Pa., interest on note	30 00
	26	George Spitler, Erie, Mich., interest on note	7 50
		Christian Santschi, Erie, Mich., interest on note	14 00
		Cr	22 29

		Brought forward	$1522 29
May	1	Dayton City Bonds, semi-annual interest	280 00
		Montgomery County Bonds, semi-annual interest	41 00
		N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	200 00
	11	D. W. Winters & Bro., Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	52 00
		First Reformed Church, Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	28 00
	12	Levi W. Mease, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	6 00
	23	John Siegfried, Springboro, O., interest on note	1 50
		John T. Blain, Columbus, O., on note per H. Leonard	10 00
		Wm. Hawk's estate, Shelby, O., interest on note	12 00
		Geo. Bowman, Shelby, O., interest on note	8 00
		Jacob Briner, Shelby, O., interest on note	1 50
		Dr. S. B. Leiter, Wadsworth, O., interest on note	12 00
		John Ault, Marshallsville, O., interest on note	9 00
		John Weimer, Marshallsville, O., interest on note	7 50
		CONTRA	$2185 79

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Money paid out during the Synodical Year ending May 23, 1877.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Good on salary in full to May 1, 1877	$ 900 00
Rev. Dr. Herman Rust, " " " " "	900 00
Interest on money borrowed	2 60
Charges on bank drafts, postal orders and express	1 70
Cash for recording mortgage of Jacob Urschel	1 00
For 100 Catalogues of College and Theological Seminary, 1877	10 00
Treasurer on salary, per order, to May 1, 1877	50 00
For printing 500 blank letter notices	8 00
For stationery, postage, etc	11 00
Balance in the Treasury, May 23	306 49
	$2185 79

ENDOWMENT FUND.

DR.

1876.			
May	17	To balance in the Treasury	$ 194 47
Nov.	1	To cash on note in full of Dr. J. H. Good	200 00
	4	" " " " John Kipfer	25 00
	8	" " " " Henry Bates, deceased	100 00
	11	" " " " Dr. J. H. Good	100 00
	29	" " " " Dr. H. Rust	500 00
1877.			
Jan.	16	To cash on note in full of Michael Huiet, deceased	50 00
Feb.	10	" " " in part of Samuel K. Epler	1 00
	16	" " " in full of George Crider	50 00
			$1220 47

FUNDS INVESTED.

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1876.			
Nov.	1	Jacob Urschel on mortgage security	$ 500 00
	16	In Montgomery County Bonds	600 00
May	23	Balance in the Treasury	120 47
			$1220 47

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary would make the following report to the Synod:

The attendance in the Seminary has been very encouraging, nineteen students having been enrolled, eleven in the Senior Class, and eight in the Junior Class. The Senior Class, composed of J. N. Bachman, Alpheus E. C. Baichly, Milton F. Frank, Jerome B. Henry, Reuben Keller, D. J. Meese, Frederick J. Saurbier, John S. Stoner, Frederick W. Stump, Edward D. Wettach and Frank C. Withoff, having finished the prescribed course of study, were dismissed by the Board on the 22d of May, with a view to their examination and licensure. Of these, eight were two full years in the Seminary, and four one full year and partly during the other, having taken certain studies in connection with their Senior year in the College.

The following young gentlemen received aid during the year, some only a part of the regular appropriation, which is $100, viz: Alpheus E. C. Baichly, Milton F. Frank, Jerome B. Henry, Reuben Keller, David J. Meese, Frederick J. Saurbier, John S. Stoner, Edward D. Wettach, Frank C. Withoff, A. L. Hassler, Jacob Ihle, R. F. Oplinger, F. W. Harpster, E. M. Beck, C. M. Cross, J. M. Kerstetter and R. C. Zartman.

The Board found itself greatly embarrassed in its finances in the the early part of the present year, the debt having increased to more than $700. Feeling that it would be unwise to allow the debt to increase, and being pressed by those to whom the money was owing, circulars were issued in the month of February, and sent to all the ministers within the bounds of the Synod of Ohio and others, setting forth its financial embarrassment, and urging immediate collections and donations for this specific object. The officers of those Classes that had fallen behind in their contributions were also notified that in case the funds necessary to pay the appropriations of the students under their care would not be provided, that their appropriations would necessarily have to stop. We are pleased to say that quite a number of favorable responses were received, so that the debt has been reduced about one-half, leaving about $400 to be provided for. The Board would urge upon the Synod the adoption of such measures as will pay off the entire debt by the 21st of June, the time the present year will close, which would enable us to enter upon the next year with new energy and encouragement.

The professors and members of the Senior Class having requested the Board to examine and dismiss said class before the meeting of Synod, a meeting was called for this purpose on the 22d of May, at which time said Senior Class was examined and dismissed for examination and licensure, as they and the Classes under whose care they are might desire.

As this action of the Board only left a small number of students in the Seminary, three of whom are members of the Senior Class in the College, a petition was presented by the Junior Class that they also be examined, and the recitations closed for the year, which, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, was granted, although it was felt by the Board that the course was unwise, and should not be repeated, as it is an injustice to the students themselves, cutting off, as it does, too much from their course of study, which is very short as it is.

The Board would recommend to the Synod the reaffirmation of its action of former years in reference to students in our Theological Seminary, requiring them to remain at least two full years in the Seminary, and then at the end of this time be graduated regularly, as is done in most institutions. As it is, a number of our students go into the Seminary while they are in the College, and by doubling studies in this way only remain one full year in the Seminary, and so necessarily impair their course in both. As the want which made it necessary a few years ago in consequence of the lack of ministers, to hurry young men through their course of study no longer exists, the evil should at once be remedied, and the most thorough preparation be given for the work of the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. WILLIARD, *President.*

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4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

REUBEN GOOD, *Treasurer, in Account with the Board of Education of Ohio Synod.* DR.

To amount in Treasury, May 15, 1876	$ 5 28	
Eastern Ohio Classis.		
Rev. E. H. Otting, Warren	$ 26 50	
" J. B. Zumpe, Canfield	12 00	
" G. M. Albright, New Lisbon	6 00	
" John J. Leberman, Louisville	29 20	
" John Meckly, Springfield	38 65	
Mr. W. S. Winings, Treasurer	110 00	
Rev. H. Hilbish, Paradise Congregation	10 00	
" J. M. Kendig, Columbiana	16 00	
" M. A. Miller	31 00	
		$279 35

Lancaster Classis.

Rev. S. P. Mauger, Treasurer	85 00	
" G. H. Leonard, Basil	100 00	
" Austin Henry, Kinnickinnick	15 10	
" C. W. Hoyman, Somerset	44 70	
Mr. H. W. Vogt	5 00	
		249 80

Miami Classis.

Rev. R. B. Reichard	15 40	
" A. Hawker, Mt. Carmel	4 50	
" H. Shaull, Union	10 00	
" D. Winters, Mt. Zion	25 00	
" Wm. McCaughey, Miamisburg	14 25	
" S. B. Yockey, Xenia	24 85	
" L. M. Kerschner, New Madison	4 75	
" G. W. H. Smith, Cæsar's Creek	20 00	
Mr Joseph Copp, Treasurer, West Alexandria	20 00	
		138 75

Tiffin Classis.

Rev. J. H. Good, Bascom	12 01	
" Jesse Richards, Fremont	17 00	
" G. W. Williard, Fort Seneca	13 78	
Mary Ashbaugh and Mother	5 00	
Rev. L. H. Kefauver, First Church, Tiffin	15 00	
" S. Ream, Heidelberg Charge	5 00	
Bellevue Charge	18 50	
Rev. A. Casselman, Fostoria	6 00	
" W. J. Peters, Zion's Charge	28 00	
		120 29

St. John's Classis.

Rev. P. Herbruck, Canton	8 00	
" J. C. Klar	38 03	
" M. H. Groh, Wooster	10 00	
" E. Erb, Apple Creek, O	1 95	
		57 98

Sundry Sources.

Rev. C. F. Kriete, Fort Wayne	8 00	
" I. A. Sites, Dakota, Ill	5 00	
Mr. Reitzell, Freeport, Ill	5 00	
Rev. F. W. Berleman, Millville	10 00	
" W. H. Herbert Landisburg, Pa	10 00	
" J. A. Keller, Denver, Col	9 00	
" C. Baum, Pottsville, Pa	5 00	
A Friend	50 00	
Mrs. Schiff and Mrs. Renner	7 00	
Mr. M. A. Marquart	5 00	
Refunded by G. H. House	40 00	
Rev. F. A. Edmonds, Harmony	5 00	
" J. A. Peters	18 00	
" Jacob Hileman, Anna Charge, Ill	22 70	
		194 70
Amount due Boarding Hall, May 22, 1877		367 86
		$1414 01

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By Amount paid Beneficiaries	906 00	
" Balance of last year paid Boarding Hall	461 04	
" Printing Circulars	2 50	
" Interest	10 72	
" Postage and Exchange	1 80	
	$1382 06	
Balance in Treasury	31 95	
		$1414 01

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted; and is as follows:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary would respectfully report the following:

The reports placed in the hands of the Committee are—

1. The Report of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.
2. Report of Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.
3. Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.
4. Report of Treasurer of the Board of Beneficiary Education.

Your Committee can speak in words of commendation concerning the financial condition of the seminary. It appears that through the prompt efficiency of the Treasurer, the Board has been able to meet all its liabilities during the year, and has a balance in the treasury. This speaks well for the energetic labors and untiring diligence of the Board in carrying forward the interests of the seminary, and shows that the finances have been judiciously and wisely managed. We refer the Synod to the reports for the expression herein given.

The report of the Board of Visitors is satisfactory. The attendance upon the seminary is encouraging, and for the names and number of students we refer to the report of the Board and annual catalogue.

The Beneficiary Board still finds a lack of interest in regard to the beneficiary cause in not being able to meet all the wants of the students. The Board made a special appeal to the Church during the year, and is pleased to report many favorable responses. The

debt has been decreased to about $400, and it becomes the duty of Synod to take immediate steps toward liquidating the debt, and thus relieve the Board from its financial embarrassment.

The report reveals to us the fact that the students have been making commendable progress in their studies. The report seems to be somewhat incomplete in not making special reference to the morals and discipline of the seminary. We feel that there should be the strictest discipline enforced, for upon this depends in a great measure the fitness and qualification for the office of the Christian ministry. We can not urge too much attention to the moral and religious life and training of the students for the gospel ministry.

The Synod may well be grateful for the sanctifying and refreshing streams which have issued forth from the Theological Seminary, and should still continue its support and encouragement in making this a still greater channel of good and blessing to our Reformed Zion.

The following recommendations and items claim the attention of Synod as gathered from these reports, and as suggestions of your Committee:

1. The Board of Visitors or Beneficiary Board urges upon Synod the adoption of such measures as will meet the financial wants of the Board immediately; therefore,

Resolved, That this indebtedness be apportioned to the several Classes within the bounds of this Synod, in such a way as to be just for those Classes which have already paid their amounts, and also for those which have not paid. Furthermore, that this division or apportionment shall have reference to the number of students under the care of the several Classes at the expense of the Board while such debt was incurred.

2. The Board recommend that Synod reaffirm its action of a few years past concerning the length of time the students shall remain in the Theological Seminary, and that graduating exercises be held in connection with the seminary; therefore,

Resolved, That Synod urges a compliance with its requirements in regard to the full course and time of the theological course in the case of each student.

Resolved, That the graduating exercises be inaugurated at the end of the coming seminary year.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL LOUCKS, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Boards of Theological Seminary.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Members whose term expires May, 1878.

Rev. David Winters, D. D., Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Members whose term expires May, 1879.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman, Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires May, 1880.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Rev. Henry M. Herman.

2. BOARD OF VISITORS.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver,
" Geo. W. Williard, D. D.,
" Reuben Good,
Rev. Henry Hilbish,
" Sebastian C. Goss,
" John Vogt,
Rev. John Bachman.

IV. Apportionment of Debt of Board of Education.

After the adoption of the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, this Committee, consisting of Revs. Simon P. Myers, Michael Loucks and Elder Benj. Fornshell, was appointed to apportion the amount ($400) of the indebtedness of the Board of Education, according to the recommendation adopted in said report; and this Committee, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee appointed to apportion the indebtedness of the Board of Beneficiary Education among the several Classes within the bounds of Synod, according to the instructions given, would submit for adoption the following apportionment:

Miami	$120	Eastern Ohio	$80
Lancaster	25	Northern Illinois	10
Tiffin	75	St. Joseph	25
St. John's	50	Cincinnati	15
			$400

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON P. MYERS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

I. The Annual Reports.

The following reports were received and referred:

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

Another year having passed, it becomes the duty of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College to make a report to the Synod of Ohio of the trust committed to its care. In doing this the present report will, in the nature of the case, be like the reports of former years in a number of particulars, as the course of study and general management of the college remain substantially the same from year to year.

The year that is soon to close, having been one of such financial embarrassment as has affected every department of trade and industry, has in like manner had a depressing influence upon the educational interests of the country. Parents who would have been glad to have sent their children to college have, in some instances, not been able to do so for the want of the necessary means, which will account for the small decrease in the attendance of our college this year from what it was last. The attendance for the present year has been 88 in the college proper, and 70 in the academical department, making a sum total of 158; which although not as large a number as we would be pleased to report, is still the largest of any institution of the Church, and may be taken as an index of the favor in which the college is held.

Nothing of any special importance has occurred during the year. Everything has moved along in the even tenor of its course. The professors have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, whilst the students have, upon the whole, been studious in their habits, and made commendable progress.

We are sorry to report that Prof. C. Hornung, who has filled the chair of Mathematics for the last eight years with very general satisfaction, has felt constrained, in consequence of ill health, to hand in his resignation, to take effect at the end of the college year. He will carry with him the thanks of the Board for the efficient services he has rendered the college, and its good wishes for his future suc-

cess in life. It is hoped the Board may be equally fortunate in the appointment of a successor to this chair.

The Board, notwithstanding the stringency of the times, has the pleasure of reporting the following bequests made to the college during the last eighteen months: Mr. George Shutt, of New Madison, Ohio, lately deceased, willed the college three hundred dollars; Elder Carson, of Newburg, Pennsylvania, also lately deceased, willed a portion of his estate to the college amounting to seven or eight thousand dollars, provided the intention of the will be fully carried out; whilst the bequest of one thousand dollars, made some years ago by Mrs. Barbara Klein, of Canfield, Ohio, has been paid in full by the administrator of her estate. These bequests give satisfactory evidence of the increased confidence and affection which the Church has for our institutions at Tiffin, and call for suitable expressions of gratitude. Long may their memories be cherished, and the good they may do encourage others to do likewise.

About $1,500 have also been added to the endowment of the Alumni Professorship during the year. This amount was secured partly by the agent, H. Leonard, and partly by the president of the college. The most of the time of the agent has been employed in the collection of outstanding dues. From present indications there is reason to fear that the receipts for the current year will fall short of the expenditure, in consequence of the failure of a number of persons to pay the interest now due.

The Board would ask the continued co-operation of the Synod in the general interests and management of the college. Without this no great efficiency can be attained; with it success will attend our efforts in the future as it has in the past. Nothing should be left undone to place the college on a substantial basis, and make it in every way worthy of the most generous support and patronage. To do this the endowment should be increased, and other facilities afforded by additional apparatus, and buildings, the increase of the library and cabinet. Any thing done in either of these departments will add to the success and efficiency of the college. Nor can those, whom God has blessed and propered in the world, do a more effectual service for the Church and the cause of education than to give a portion of their means for the more complete establishment of our college as those whose names are given above.

We accompany the report here given with a catalogue for the year 1876–7, in which the Synod can see the course of study as pursued

in the different departments of the college, the attendance, the number composing the several classes, the cost of tuition, the amount of the endowment, the names of the alumni, the price of boarding, and other matters of interest.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board of Trustees,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President*,
NELSON L. BREWER, *Treasurer*.

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2. *Report of the Financial Agent.*

Twenty years have passed away since I first entered on my mission. This year again my efforts were mainly directed in looking after old delinquents; and, in fact, this seems to be as important and needful as it was to solicit the subscription in the first place. This part of my work is not only laborious and expensive, but requires much time, which might be more profitably employed.

In the month of October, 1876, I cast out my net in Rev. Herr's charge, in Crawford County, Ohio, and without any trouble obtained new subscriptions (notes), to the amount of eight hundred dollars, toward the Endowment Fund. Then a special friend of ours in Lima, Ohio, added fifty dollars more.

A few of our delinquents have told me "that they had the money ready some time ago, but no one called on them or it would have been paid long ago;" and a goodly number whom I called on had not the money now, but will pay after harvest. Then a third class had been unfortunate, so that they could not pay, their will being ever so good. Then a fourth class would like to repudiate, and even called the agent a swindler. This is not so pleasant; but I attribute this to ignorance, and a lack of true spirituality, and most assuredly a want of churchliness. I am, however, glad to state this class is small. But then there is a bright side to all this. I was indeed glad to meet, during the past Synodical year, so many kind friends, who were pleased to see me again. Then, in fact, some persons, who had never beheld my natural face, but only as they knew me from the papers, and hearsay, and photographs, gave me a hearty shake by the hand.

It is generally known, I believe, that I constructed a Buckeye model of Heidelberg College, which I had on exhibition at the Centennial in Philadelphia, in 1876, together with a Buckeye ball, as a

memento of the Buckeye State. This exhibit was constructed by me, and forwarded and set up at my expense; and, furthermore, I paid my own board while in the city.

I had three objects in view. One was, I wanted to go to the Centennial myself, and have something to exhibit that no one else would think about exhibiting. And, in the second place, to advertise our college, and then preserve this as a memento of the Fisherman. Thirdly, to realize something from the sale of my *ten by twelve Buckeye Memorial* Photograph, for the benefit of our college.

I spent only seven weeks in the city. I must yet make special mention here, that *Father D——* and family invited me to board with them. After remaining two weeks with them, when I left he handed me twenty-five dollars in greenbacks for Heidelberg, instead of accepting from me pay for board.

I traveled during the year thirty-six hundred and fifty-one miles (3,651), and total number miles traveled in all since the twenty-second day of January, 1857, seventy-three thousand miles (73,000).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

	DR.	
Balance left in the Agent's hands (see last year's report)	$20 08	
Cash and note from old folks	335 25	
Crumbs from the children	20 10	
Proceeds of Allegorical Lectures	42 00	
Proceeds of sales of Buckeye Photos	118 92	
	$581 35	
Endowment Notes received during the year	850 00	
Collection on old notes and interest	1,586 68	
Total Collections, old and new		$2,968 03

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Traveling expenses, postage	$137 20	
Paid R. R. Carter, Photographer	102 50	
Note handed over, No. 1,027	300 00	
New Notes for Endowment Fund handed over	850 00	
Amount collected on notes and interests handed over	1,586 68	$2,976 38
Balance due the Agent		$8 35

Respectfully submitted,

May 23, 1877. HENRY LEONARD, *Agent.*

3. *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

The Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College met at the college building, Tiffin, Ohio, June 14, 1876, the members present being Revs. Theodore J. Bacher, John J. Leberman, Michael Loucks and Dr. Isaac H. Reiter, and organized by the election of Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, and Rev. Michael Loucks, *Secretary*.

The Board attended the examinations of the students, which continued several days, and found them quite satisfactory. That the students were making commendable progress in their studies clearly appeared from the different examinations and the varied Commencement Exercises. Moreover, there was evidence at hand that the college was firmly established and continued in a prosperous condition. And, viewed in its present aspect, it may be said that its Faculty is efficient, its students are of a good grade, and its practical working is successful. Indeed, it bears a favorable comparison with other similar institutions of our country, in its course of study, in its standard of scholarship, in its order of government, and in its achievement of results.

The number of students attending the college during the past year is both encouraging and hopeful. It appears from the catalogue just issued that there are eighty-eight students in the college proper, classified as follows: Seniors, eleven; Juniors, six; Sophomores, twenty-nine; and Freshmen, forty-two. There are seventy in the Academy, of whom eighteen are in the Classical Course, and fifty-two in the English Course. It is a pleasing fact that the number of classical students is on the increase. The total number of students in attendance during the year is one hundred and fifty-eight.

Heidelberg College deserves the continued confidence and support of the Church, and is hereby commended to the prayers, sympathies and liberality of all its friends and patrons, with the hope that it may receive from all the justly merited patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *President.*

II. Report of Committee on Heidelberg College.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College presented their report, which was received, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Heidelberg College beg leave to offer the following report, viz:

From the following papers placed in our hands—the Reports of the Trustees, of Board of Visitors, and of the Financial Agent—we learn some encouraging facts concerning the interests of our chief institution, located at Tiffin, Ohio.

First—That the number of students pursuing the various courses, laid down by the proper authority, has been very respectable, considering the stringency of the times, there being only four less than there were the year previous; and their examinations, in their respective classes, are reported to have been very satisfactory to the Board of Visitors. Certainly the Church at large has great reason to rejoice in and to fully appreciate the efficiency of those who preside over the various Chairs of the institution, the broadness and thoroughness of her curriculum, and of the moral and literary qualifications of those who go forth as her alumni. We can not too earnestly enjoin upon the Church at large an increased interest in the prosperity of her literary institutions.

Second—We also learn, from the papers referred to above, that although the past year has been one of unusual financial depression, yet we are pleased to be able to state that the financial condition of the college has not been materially affected. However, it is supposable, that, had money matters been easier, there is no doubt but what the number of students would have been much larger.

It is quite encouraging to note the increased degree of liberality toward the institution, as seen in the bequests made to the college during the past eighteen months, amounting in all to about eight or nine thousand dollars prospectively. Also, that the Endowment Fund of the Alumni Professorship has been increased some one thousand five hundred dollars during the past year. This fund should be rapidly pushed forward, until the entire amount necessary to the support of a professor is secured.

The alumni of the college are cordially requested to heartily cooperate in securing the above desired end.

Third—We learn, with regret, from the Financial Agent's report, that so much of his valuable time is required, and so much increased expense is incurred in collecting old claims. This ought not to be. All such persons, knowing themselves to be legally indebted to the college, should feel it to be their duty to liquidate that indebtedness at their earliest ability, without the intervention of an agent.

In a general way, the Synod has great reason to rejoice and congratulate itself for the past success and present prospect of the interests of Heidelberg College.

In view of these things your Committee would suggest the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That this Synod recognize with great pleasure the bequests made to our institution, and will cherish the memory of the donors with grateful recollection.

2. That the attention of the ministry of the Church be called to the prominent fact of the growing demands of the college, that the Endowment Fund should be largely increased. Contributions of books, specimens and relics should be made to the library and cabinet.

3. That the Reports of the Board of Trustees, of the Financial Agent, and of Board of Visitors, be adopted as read before this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. McCAUGHEY, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Boards of Heidelberg College.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Members whose term expires May, 1878.

Rev. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.,
" David Winters, D. D.,
" Sebastian C. Goss,
Rev. William McCaughey,
" Jacob M. Le Fevre,
" John Kuelling.

Members whose term expires May, 1879.

Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D.,
" Herman Rust, D. D.,
Lewis Keller,
William E. Schmertz,
Louis Baltzell,
Lewis Shriver.

Members whose term expires May, 1880.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver,
" Jer. H. Good, D. D.,
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.,
Hon. Thomas W. Chapman,
Upton F. Cramer, Esq.,
Geo. P. Williard, M. D.

Members whose term expires May, 1881.

Rev. John Vogt,
" Henry M. Herman,
Robert Bell,
John Weimer, M. D.,
William L. Snyder,
William D. Platter.

2. BOARD OF VISITORS.

Rev. Ephraim M. Epstein, M. D., Rev. John J. Leberman,
" Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., " Theodore J. Bacher,
Rev. John M. Kendig.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

I. Report of Board of Christian Aid Society.

The Board of Trustees of the Christian Aid Society submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Board would report that nothing was done in the interest committed to their hand more than publishing the Constitutions in the English and German languages, and distributing them abroad in the Church. This the Board feels is a matter of regret, and is to be attributed mainly to the fact that no proper effort was made to inaugurate the measure. Our ministers, in most instances, have had their hands full in attending to their specific work. The Board is fully convinced that the success of the Society depends upon the appointment of some suitable person to inaugurate the movement, and would recommend that Elder H. Leonard be appointed by Synod to this specific work. The measure is one that should not be allowed to fail for the want of proper direction and encouragement. It would indeed be well if a Society could be started in this place during the sessions of Synod, as it would be calculated to show the practicability of the movement, and encourage the members of Synod to go home with the determination of organizing similar Societies in the pastoral charges with which they are connected.

An expense of $46.50 was incurred in printing 1,000 copies of the Constitution in the English and German languages, together with 500 circulars. It is believed that this amount can be paid out of the income of the Society so soon as it is put fairly in operation. The Board would therefore recommend that Synod pay this amount out of its treasury as a loan to the Society. In behalf of the Board,

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD,
SAMUEL MEASE,
LEWIS KELLER.

On motion, in connection with the adoption of the foregoing report, the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the Elm Street Printing Company $18.50, and Messrs. Krehbiel and Moss $28.00, Cincinnati, O.

II. Election of the Board of Trustees.

Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D.,
" Samuel Mease. D. D.,
" John Bachman,
Mr. Andrew H. Baughman,
" Benjamin Kuhns,
" Lewis Keller.
Rev. Ephraim M. Epstein, *General Secretary.*

III. Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Prof. Theodore Appel, D. D., during the afternoon session of the fourth day (Saturday) of the sessions, being present as an advisory member, made a brief statement before Synod in regard to the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows," presenting to Synod a number of circulars relating thereto, and calling the attention of Synod to the object and aim of the Society.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Revs. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., Henry H. Sandoe and Elder Lewis Keller, was appointed to whom the matter was referred, with the view of preparing and submitting a report. This Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on the Widows' Fund beg leave to report as follows:

The object of the Society is:

1. To aid the widows and children of the deceased members of the Society.

2. To aid the widow and family of any deceased minister of the Reformed Church.

3. To aid disabled ministers themselves, who are members of the Society, who may need pecuniary aid.

As the Society is dependent, to a great extent, for its funds on the free-will offerings of its friends, they desire that the character and work of the organization may be placed before our people, so that they may have an opportunity to make free-will offerings, as their hearts and consciences may dictate.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that our ministers

bring this matter before their people in such a way, as in their opinion is best calculated to secure the end desired.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. LEITER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I. The Annual Reports.

The following reports were received, considered and adopted:

1. *Report of the Board of Sunday Schools.*

The Board of Sunday Schools submitted their report, which was received and referred, and is as follows:

The Board of Sunday Schools of the Ohio Synod would respectfully submit their second annual report:

The Board, having convened in the first Reformed Church of Dayton, Ohio, January 22, 1877, organized by the election of Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, and Rev. Henry M. Herman, *Secretary*.

The importance of the Sunday-school system is very generally acknowledged, and its practical value is becoming more and more apparent to the Church and the world. Indeed, the minds of the great and good throughout the world, wherever the light and power of evangelical truth have penetrated, are giving the subject more or less earnest consideration. Even many of our public men, whose principal study is national and political interests, are beginning to look upon the Sunday-schools of to-day with profound interest, as they contemplate the future of our country. The different evangelical denominations, as well as our own branch of "the household of faith," recognize the Sunday-school as an activity centered in the highest interests of childhood and youth, and as an important agency of religious instruction and Christian culture. The work, in its tide of progress, is gaining favor, increasing in power, widening in influence, and achieving important results.

The Sunday-school institution in the Reformed Church, and as

practically evidenced within the bounds of the Ohio Synod, is recognized as an important agency or activity of Church work, having for its main end the religious education and indoctrination of children and youth, and their preparation for a personal and experimental realization of the power of saving truth or Christian salvation. This fundamental fact must necessarily include the increased improvement in scriptural knowledge, the obligation of church-membership, and the duties of practical Christian work. With these ends in view, Sunday-schools, it appears, are organized in nearly all of our congregations, and the work, viewed under a general aspect, is carried forward with commendable interest, manifest progress, and good success. The teaching force is gradnally improving in intelligence, aptness and moral power; and, on the whole, the workers in this department of Christian effort are advancing in respect to number, consecration and activity.

But, while our Sunday-school work is deserving of commendation, and is fruitful of life and power, it is not accomplishing the full measure of results it ought. There is room for improvement. The work done is, to some extent, too *superficial.* It lacks in point of organized effort, in grasp of truth, in thoroughness of instruction, in practical application and in general co-operation. Hence this question challenges the earnest attention of the Church and of the Ohio Synod: *How can we best increase the efficiency and intensify the educational element of our Sunday-schools?*

The answers to this question are many and various, for there are numerous methods and elements involved in the Sunday-school work, and the improvement of any one, or of a few of these, will bring increased power. What, then, is the remedy? What do we need? What are the suggestive answers?

The answers of our more intelligent and faithful Sunday-school workers, if they were inquiringly addressed, would perhaps be after this manner: We need better superintendents; more competent and spiritually-minded teachers; more doctrinal and practical teaching combined, having for its basis the Bible and the Catechism; more systematic and exact Scripture study; more spiritual and earnest consecration on the part of the membership of the Church; more thorough work. To these and similar answers must be accorded much truth, weight and importance; and, as far as possible, they should be carried into practical effect everywhere. But, after all, is there any means or agency so potent in increasing the efficiency of

our Sunday-schools as that of the ministry? The minister, in the truest and best sense, viewed in regard to his position and relations, must generally be the pulsating life, the radiating light, and the moving power of the Sunday-school; and, in proportion as his counsel, influence and efforts are given in behalf of this interest, will there be corresponding success. And, in view of this, it is a question whether our theological students, during their course in the seminary, should not receive properly adapted instruction and training for this part of their duty, when they enter upon the practical work of the ministry. They are instructed in regard to expounding the word to the people, and to manage the adult portion of their congregations, as well as in matters of pastoral work. Should they not also be taught how to manage their Sunday-schools, to train up a corps of efficient teachers, and to give character and success to the work?

Moreover, *worship* must ever be associated with instruction. This is attested by the teaching of the Holy Scriptures, and the history of God's educational dealings with his people. While the mind is disciplined in the acquisition of knowledge, the soul must be trained to holy reverence. The religion of the Sunday-school, as well as of the family, must indeed be tuitionary, and yet largely devotional. This important fact is too much overlooked. There is wisdom and profit in giving due prominence and attention to the devotional exercises of our Sunday-schools. These exercises should be made really spiritual, and not merely intellectual or formal. The children and youth must be taught that it is the praise, not the music, with which God is pleased. Let it be our constant endeavor to promote the true spirit of worship in all our Sunday-schools, and the best of results will follow.

And while we are giving increased care and attention to the instruction and worship in our Sunday-schools, we should put forth renewed efforts, both by precept and example, to induce all our Sunday-school scholars to become regular attendants upon the *public services* of the sanctuary on the Lord's Day. Let it be borne in mind, that the Sunday-school is not something independent or complete in itself, not something beyond or outside of the Church, but, being her legitimate offspring, is a vital and working part of the Church. They are two, and yet one. They stand in the same spiritual life, move in the same sphere of truth, and have the same blessed obiec[illegible] The Church, therefore, should join with the

Sunday-school in the work of Christian training and culture, and the Sunday-school should unite in the solemn worship of the Church. Thus will we bring our children under proper Christian influence, and into membership in the Church, with the encouraging thought of a blessed realization of salvation and heaven!

As Sunday-school literature, if right in character and spirit, has a good influence on the interest and success of Sunday-school work, it is important that our Sunday-school publications be adopted in all our schools. It is encouraging to know that *The Instructor*, the *Lesson Papers* and the *Leaves of Light* are appreciated, and meet with general favor. There should be no efforts wanting to give these publications a wide circulation and an ample support. The result of such efforts will, in due time, manifest itself in abundant fruitage and increased prosperity.

Furthermore, the Board, in accordance with the action of the last Synod, arranged the following

PROGRAMME

For the Synodical Sunday School Meeting, on the Tuesday evening preceding the annual sessions of the Synod, May 22, A. D. 1877, at 7½ o'clock, in the Reformed Church at Orrville, Ohio. The topics proposed for discussion on the occasion, together with the names of the speakers to open the several discussions, are as follows:

1. "The Family and the Sunday School."
   Rev. Wm. A. Hale, *primarius;* Rev. Henry Hilbish, *secundus.*
2. "The Word Taught with Greatest Efficiency."
   Rev. Geo. Z. Mechling, *primarius;* Rev. Theo. J. Bacher, *secundus.*
3. "The Sunday School Work in Training Children for the Church."
   Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose, *primarius;* Rev. John J. Leberman, *secundus.*
4. "The Importance of a Teachers' Meeting, and the Best Methods of Conducting it."—Rev. Michael Loucks, *primarius;* Rev. Henry T. Spangler, *secundus.*
5. "Sunday School Worship."
   Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, *primarius;* Rev. Samuel Shaw, *secundus.*

The opening addresses are not to exceed fifteen minutes, and all others to be limited to five minutes. The exercises shall be opened with singing and prayer, and, at proper intervals, to be interspersed with music. By order of the Board of Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *President.*

At the appointed place and time the annual Synodical Sunday-school meeting was held, and the exercises were conducted, according to the programme, by Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., President of the Board of Sunday Schools. After the opening religious services, the discussion of the topics proposed was commenced. The *third* topic, on motion, was first discussed, being opened by Rev. N. H. Loose, who was followed in brief addresses by other brethren.

On Thursday morning, at half-past nine o'clock, the discussion on the *fifth* topic was opened by Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver; and in the afternoon, at three o'clock, that on the *fourth* topic by Rev. Michael Loucks. In both instances other brethren followed with brief addresses. The *first* and *second* topics were not discussed for want of time.

On Sunday afternoon, at half-past two o'clock, according to Synodical arrangement, a Sunday-school meeting was held in the Reformed Church, with a more direct reference to children and youth, on which occasion brief addresses were delivered by Revs. R. B. Reichard, Dr. G. W. Williard, Dr. S. Mease, S. P. Mauger, H. T. Spangler, S. P. Myers, and Elders John Jackson and Henry Leonard. The exercises, at proper intervals, were interspersed with singing, having been opened and also closed with prayer.

II. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Standing Committee on Sunday Schools presented the following report, which was received, and, together with the report of the Board, adopted:

Your Committee would respectfully report as follows:

The annual report of the Board has been received and carefully examined, from which it appears that they have given faithful attention to this subject during the past year, and made an earnest effort to bring many of the most important topics connected with the Sunday-school to the special consideration of those who constitute this Synod. But, for various reasons, the present Synodical Sunday School Meeting does not appear to have met with that measure of success which it deserved.

The Sunday-school undoubtedly is receiving more serious and thoughtful consideration throughout the Church; and earnest, persevering study is devoted [illegible] thods, ideas and system of

Sunday-school work. It appears also to be gaining constant strength in numbers, and the standard of religious instruction for the young has been raised.

In reference to the Miami, Lancaster, St. John's, Iowa and Kansas Classes, which have taken no action in regard to the instructions of Synod, with regard to the organization of Classical Sunday School Conventions, we recommend the following:

Resolved, If any of these Classes have such conventions already organized, they be requested to report the same officially to this Synod; and that the remainder of these Classes be earnestly urged to take definite action in regard to this subject.

We further recommend:

Resolved, That the report of the Board be adopted.

Resolved, That this Synod is gratified to see many of the Sunday-schools contributing to our benevolent causes, and that we heartily commend all such efforts.

Resolved, That superintendents are urgently requested to bring before their schools the duty and importance of contributing to the benevolent objects of the Church, and that all the Sunday-schools within the bounds of this Synod be requested to contribute to missions on the first Sunday in November, or as soon thereafter as possible, and send the same to the Treasurer of Synod's Board.

Resolved, That the next annual Sunday School Meeting of Synod be held in the Reformed Church at Xenia, Ohio, on Friday evening, May 10, 1878, at 7½ o'clock, and that the Board be requested to arrange for a sermon, on some Sunday-school subject, for that evening.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

III. Election of the Board of Sunday Schools.

Members whose term expires May, 1878.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Rev. George Mechling.

Members whose term expires May, 1879.

Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D., Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

Members whose term expires May, 1880.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, Rev. Richard B. Reichard.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred requiring any record here.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

Case of St. John's against Tuscarawas Classis.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session of the third day of the sessions, reported, in item 16, that St. John's Classis complained against Tuscarawas Classis for holding an official meeting within its bounds; in item 17, that Tuscarawas Classis appointed a committee to defend it in the case before the Ohio Synod; and, in item 39, that St. John's Classis refused to dismiss the Wooster Congregation to the Tuscarawas Classis, according to Synod's request. These several items, together with the papers relating thereto, were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Samuel Mease, D. D. and Elder Robert Bell, to examine the matters involved, as well as whether the complaint was in order, and, if found in order, to suggest some course of action.

This Committee, during the morning session of the fourth day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and unanimously adopted:

The Committee to whom the complaint of the St. John's Classis against the action of the Tuscarawas Classis was referred, would respectfully report, that, after a careful consideration of the difficulties in the case, the complaint was withdrawn, and the whole matter compromised upon the following basis, viz: That the Wooster Congregation, with its pastor, Rev. Milton H. Groh, be transferred to the Tuscarawas Classis, and that Rev. Frederick Strassner be transferred from the Tuscarawas Classis to the St. John's Classis, and that both Classes be affectionately urged to acquiesce in said compromise.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Board of Trustees of Synod.

Members whose term expires May, 1878.

Rev. David Winters, D. D., Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Members whose term expires May, 1879.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman, Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires May, 1880.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Rev. Henry M. Herman.

The Giving of Bonds by Treasurers of Boards.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, in item 9, reported the fact that the Synod had enjoined upon the Treasurers of the several Boards to give bonds respectively to the Trustees of Synod, and as it was ascertained that only the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary had complied with the requirement of Synod, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the attention of all the Synodical Boards, that have not yet complied with Synod's requirement, is hereby directed to its former action in this matter. (*See Minutes*, 1876, *page* 72.)

Preparation of a Hymn Book.

On motion, during the morning session of the third day of the sessions, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, A Committee was appointed by Synod in 1870 to make a selection of Hymns and Psalms, for provisional use in the Church in connection with the Liturgy, according to the action of the General Synod in 1869; and,

WHEREAS, The said Committee, while it made some progress in the work, presenting some good suggestions in regard to the plan and form of the book, and rendering some valuable service in the way of gathering material and selecting Hymns, did not, it would seem,

prosecute the work to a final completion, and has not submitted a report to Synod for several years; therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of one from each Classis represented in Synod be appointed to inaugurate measures for the preparation and publication of a Hymn Book.

The Committee consists of Revs. Samuel Mease, D. D., Charles W. Hoyman, Nathaniel H. Loose, Geo. W. Williard, D. D, John G. Zahner, D. D., John J. Leberman, Simon P. Myers, John R. Skinner, John Bachman and Emanuel Richards.

This Committee, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee, appointed to report to this Synod on the preparation of a Hymn Book, for the use of the Church, would submit the following:

By an undesigned omission, at the last annual meeting of the Synod, the item of preparing a suitable Hymn Book, such as was contemplated by the General Synod's act of permission, was not brought to its notice, and consequently a year's delay has followed in its prosecution and accomplishment. We find, however, that Synod's Committee, consisting of Drs. J. H. Good, I. H. Reiter, and Rev. D. Van Horne, intrusted with the preparation of the book, had made considerable progress in collecting material and arranging its general plan.

The want of a Hymn Book, better adapted for use in our Church than the present one, is so seriously felt in this Synod (and we believe in other Synods as well), as to demand its supply with as little delay as possible. The service which such supply would render to the Church in her work and mission would be of vast importance. Your Committee would therefore recommend the following action on the part of Synod:

First—The reconstruction of Synod's Committee, requesting it to complete its work of preparing such a book as early as possible, so that in the main it may be ready for examination, publication, or revision, by the next meeting of the General Synod; also, that this Committee shall be the one already appointed, substituting one member in place of Rev. D. Van Horne, who is no longer a member of this Synod; also, recognizing the valuable services of Rev. D. Van Horne, that he, together with Dr. G. B. Russell, be invited to become assisting members to aid in the preparation of the book.

Second—The direction that said book should contain not less than five hundred, nor more than eight hundred, hymns—these to be the best selection that can be made under the circumstances, accompanied with the best and most suitable tunes possible, and arranged in the most convenient and practical form.

Third—The expression of the earnest desire on the part of this Synod, that either this book, its revision, or one resulting from the services its preparation may afford, shall become the Hymn Book of the entire Reformed Church; such book appearing and sanctioned by the General Synod in a regular way, for use in all the congregations of the Reformed Church. Disclaiming any sectional aim in the work in hand, it is undertaken, and asks for the co-operation in order that the pressing demand, existing in every part of the Church, may be supplied. Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL MEASE, *Chairman.*

The Committee, as continued and appointed, consists of Revs. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., and Samuel Mease, D. D.

Case of Rev. Harvey Wilson and Shelby Classis.

The Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, reported in item 2, under (*a*) that the Presbytery of Winona, of the Presbyterian Church, in a paper received, gave notice to this Synod of the reception of Rev. Harvey Wilson from the Shelby Classis, together with explanations of the same; and under (*b*) that Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., furnished an explanation as to his course in the matter.

During the same session, Rev. Simon P. Myers made a statement to Synod in regard to the disorganized condition of Shelby Classis, and desired to have some instruction in the premises.

On motion, a Committee was appointed, at first, in each of the two cases designated, but subsequently, after some discussion, the two Committees were consolidated, and both matters were referred to this Committee, which, as then constituted, consists of Revs. Herman Shaull, Jesse Steiner, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Henry M. Herman, and Elders John Jackson and Benjamin Fornshell. This Committee, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Winona Presbytery, of the Synod of Minnesota, of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, has notified this Synod that it has received Rev. Harvey Wilson, upon a letter of recommendation from Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., without a regular dismission from the Shelby Classis, of which he was a member; and,

WHEREAS, The Rev. Harvey Wilson has left in this irregular way, without having rendered an account of his stewardship as *Treasurer* of the Shelby Classis, and also of the "Reformed Educational Association," with which he was connected and intrusted; and,

WHEREAS, It is highly essential and desirable, for the satisfaction of all concerned, that such reports be rendered by him; therefore,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of this Synod notify the Presbytery of Winona, through its Stated Clerk, that this Synod can not acquiesce in, nor consent to, its action in receiving the Rev. Harvey Wilson, until he shall give the information desired.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HIRAM SHAULL, *Chairman.*

The following petition, having reference to the condition and reorganization of Shelby Classis, was laid before Synod:

To the Ohio Synod:

We, the undersigned, members of the Shelby Classis, do hereby respectfully petition this body to grant authority to any sufficient number of ministers, who may reside within the bounds of said Classis, to reorganize it as soon as such number be within its territory. Respectfully submitted,

SIMON P. MYERS,
JACOB HILEMAN.

On motion, in regard to said petition, this resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this petition be adopted, and that the desired authority be, and hereby is, granted for the constitutional reorganization of Shelby Classis.

The Shutt Will Case.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, reported in item 8, that Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., had been appointed an assistant agent in the will case of George Shutt, deceased, late of Darke County, Ohio.

This assistant agent, in the absence of a written report from the agent, (Rev. Louis M. Kerschner), made a verbal statement to the effect that, after some litigation, the whole matter had been compromised, and was in process of final settlement. The assistant agent was thereupon continued.

Respecting the Reception of Rev. E. Richards.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the fourth day of the sessions, reported in the first clause of item 47, that the Classis of Kansas had received Rev. Emanuel Richards from "the Church of God;" and as this title, in this particular connection, appeared somewhat vague and indefinite, the matter was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Theodore J. Bacher, Henry Hilbish, Hiram Shaull, Lewis H. Kefauver, and Elder Jacob Myers. This Committee, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, through the acting chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee raised under item 47 of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, with respect to the reception of Rev. Emanuel Richards into Kansas Classis, would respectfully submit the following report for adoption:

WHEREAS, It appears from reliable sources, that the Rev. Emanuel Richards reported as having been received by Kansas Classis, from "the Church of God," never was a number of the body so designated in the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, The said Rev. E. Richards was a minister in good and regular standing in the Wesleyan Methodist Church of England, and never transferred his relations to that body, prior to his application for admission into the Kansas Classis; and,

WHEREAS, He was ordained by a Committee appointed by the Home Missionary Society of New York City, as a missionary for said Society; therefore in the opinion of your Committee, the journal of the Kansas Classis ought to be so altered as to read, "from the Wesleyan Methodist Church."

Resolved, That the Kansas Classis be, and hereby is, requested to so amend its records in reference to such admission.

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM SHAULL, *Chairman.*

Certain Classes to heed Synod's actions.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session of the fourth day of the sessions, reported in item 22, that the Classes of Lancaster, Tuscarawas, St. John's and Cincinnati refused to adopt the last Synod's apportionment of the indebtedness of the Boards of Missions and Church Erection; in item 32, that the Classes of Miami and Lancaster disapproved of Synod's plan for establishing a Printing House; and in item 33, that the Classes of St. John's, Iowa and Kansas had taken no action in regard to Synod's plan of establishing a Printing House. The matters involved in these several items were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. William H. Ziegler, Daniel Lantz, and Elder Peter Jacoby. This Committee, during the session on Monday morning, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee, to whom were referred items 22, 32, and 33 in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, would report as follows:

Resolved, That the Classes referred to in items 22 and 32 be requested to reconsider their action, and to adhere strictly to the action of Synod.

Resolved, That the Classis referred to in item 33 be requested to comply with Synod's request.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. ZIEGLER, *Chairman.*

Certain Irregularity of Iowa Classis confirmed.

Iowa Classis, as reported in item 12 by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested Synod to confirm the irregular reception of Rev. John A. Smith from the Shelby Classis. This item was adopted, and the request granted by the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That the action of Iowa Classis in the case be confirmed.

Certain Irregularity of Kansas Classis ratified.

Kansas Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in item 15, requested Synod to "sanction the course of that Classis in transacting business without a quorum, and to ratify its transaction." The item was adopted, and them, the following action was passed:

Resolved, That, in view of the peculiar circumstances involved, the said transaction of Kansas Classis be ratified.

Reiteration of Action respecting Traveling Expenses.

Kansas Classes, according to the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in item 14, requested Synod to pay one-third of the traveling expenses of its delegates to Synod. The item was adopted, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the attention of Kansas Classis is directed to Synod's deliverance in the matter in 1876. (*See Minutes*, 1876, *page* 75.)

Mode of calling Special Meetings of Classes.

On motion, the following action was adopted by Synod:

WHEREAS, It is apparent that there has been some irregularity in the calling of special meetings of Classes by a mere notice in the *Christian World*; therefore,

Resolved, That the attention of the Presidents of the several Classes composing the Ohio Synod be, and hereby is, respectfully directed to Article LVII. and Section 2 of the Constitution of the Church.

Request to publish Statistics in Minutes of General Synod.

In regard to this matter, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod respectfully requests the General Synod hereafter to incorporate in its published Minutes the various statistical tables of the respective District Synods, in order that the Church may have one complete statistical list.

Salary of the Stated Clerk.

The following action, respecting the Stated Clerk's salary, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of the Ohio Synod shall receive for his services a salary of seventy-five dollars per year.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

I. The Annual Reports.

1. *Report of the Board of Publication.*

The Board of Publication would respectfully report:

That the Board organized in Dayton, Ohio, January 22, 1877, by the election of Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, and Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *Secretary;* and that during the year they gave some attention to the publication interest intrusted to their care.

Rev. Henry T. Spangler, the assistant editor of the *Christian World*, who had rendered valuable and acceptable service in this position, resigned at the close of the year 1876, since which time the whole of the work has devolved upon the editor, Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D., whose labors, though ably and faithfully performed, are very onerous. He is in a great measure performing the work of two men in editing the *Christian World* and supervising the general work.

The *Christian World*, together with our Sunday-school periodicals has been published regularly during the year, and has given general satisfaction. It is, however, very evident that in order to sustain the *Christian World* and to publish it in its present form, a united and earnest forward movement is absolutely necessary. This will appear from a brief statement of facts.

The amount realized from subscriptions and advertisements during the year foots up $7,900, while the total expenditures reached the sum of $6,750, leaving for the editor's salary a balance of $1,150. This amount, which barely supports the editor, is entirely inadequate to justify the employment of an assistant in the work.

From these facts, it clearly appears that there are several things demanding the earnest attention of the Church, as well as of this Synod and of the friends of the *Christian World:*

1. That between 4,000 and 5,000 paying subscriptions are necessary to sustain the paper in its present form, and to pay an adequate remuneration and to secure an assistant.

2. That the labor required to edit the paper and supervise the work is too great for one man; and that, even if continued a while longer, the strain put forth is not the best adapted to make the paper the most readable and serviceable.

3. That the paper, as now conducted and issued, unquestionably requires the services of an assistant; and that, in order to secure such services, there must be an increased income from some source.

4. That the present editor is unwilling to continue the issuing of the *Christian World* in its present form and at its present expense, unless some provision can be made to increase its circulation, and thus secure the needed funds to meet the demands in the case; and that he, if better and more satisfactory arrangements can be adopted, is willing to pass the whole enterprise into other hands, for a just compensation involved in such a change.

5. That in view of the past valuable services of the *Christian World*, and its present importance and worth to the Church, sustaining the character of an able and instructive religious weekly, and maintaining the historical faith of the Reformed Church, this Synod should adopt definite and adequate measures to increase its circulation, to extend its influence and to insure its permanent success and prosperity.

6. That in regard to means by which the desired ends are to be accomplished, the Board has nothing specially to suggest, but refers the whole matter to the wisdom and judgment of the Synod.

In behalf of the Board. Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *President.*

II. Report of Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the report of the Board, adopted:

Your Committee on Publication would respectfully report that they have carefully examined the report of the Board of Publication, which is the only paper referred to them. This informs us that since the beginning of this year the whole work of editing and publishing the *Christian World* devolves upon Dr. Mease. While the paper is not all the Church desires it should be, it is a wonder that with all the labor performed by one man it is as acceptable as it is.

It is also a humiliating fact, and one not to the credit of our Church, that after all expenses are paid the editor has only $1,150 left as his salary, making it utterly impossible to secure the necessary assistance.

We further learn from the report that the present editor and publisher "is unwilling to continue the issuing of the *Christian World* in its present form and at its present expense, unless some provision can be made to increase its circulation and thus secure the needed funds; and that he, if better and more satisfactory arrangements can be adopted, is willing to pass the whole matter into other hands, for a just compensation involved in such a change."

Such being the unfavorable condition in regard to our publication interests, there is no subject before this Synod of more importance and requiring more prompt and positive action than this.

As regards our Sunday-school publications, we notice that the *Heidelberg Teacher* is changed in name to *The Instructor*, and is giving much satisfaction and aid in our Sunday-school work, as well as the *Lesson Leaves*. We also commend the *Leaves of Light* to the favorable consideration of our Sunday-schools. It is the opinion, however, of this Committee that the *Leaves of Light* might be improved in contents by a more positive Reformed sentiment and correspondingly less of the general. With this review of the report, we recommend its adoption by this Synod. We also recommend the following:

1. *Resolved*, That the *Christian World* in its general features meets with our approval, and we regard its circulation as an essential aid to pastoral success, needed to instruct and enlighten in regard to the general wants and work of the Church.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod earnestly commends the *Christian World* and Sunday-school publications to the families, congregations and friends of our Church.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod make an earnest effort to raise one thousand new subscribers to the *Christian World*, and that the consummation of this object be under the direct control of the Board of Publication, which shall, if possible, devise means to at once secure this desirable and necessary end.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL H. LOOSE, *Chairman.*

III. Election of the Board of Publication.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Rev. Henry M. Herman,
Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, Mr. Andrew H. Baughman,
Mr. Valentine C. Tidball.

IV. Respecting the Printing Establishment.

The Committee on the Printing Establishment, to which reference is made by the Committee on Synodical Minutes, in item 10, submitted their report during the session on Monday afternoon. The report was received, discussed and adopted:

The Committee on the Establishment of a Printing House would report that they have not done much during the year. Having made an extended report one year ago, in which they presented the importance and feasibility of the movement, they patiently awaited the action of the ministers and Classes, according to the resolution of the last Synod. As very little co-operation was given by the ministry, and the action of Synod almost entirely ignored by some of the Classes, it was thought best not to push the matter, although we are fully persuaded that our people are pretty generally in favor of the movement, and would provide the amount specified by Synod in a short time if the opportunity were given them. The Committee have assurances from brethren, with whom they have had correspondence, of acquiescence in at least $3,000 of the amount assessed upon different individuals and pastoral charges; and are convinced that the whole amount can be secured, in a short time, if only the proper co-operation and encouragement be given, and would seriously regret if it falls to the ground for the want of this sympathy. Your Committee, in order to keep the matter before the ministers and congregations within the bounds of Synod, would report the last year's resolution, viz:

Resolved, That this Synod enjoins upon all the ministers within its bounds to lay this subject of the Printing House at once before the people of their respective charges, and get them, if possible, to accede to the amount apportioned them by the Committee, and that in case they fail to do so the several Classes be required to take such action as will secure the end.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY HILBISH, *President.*

The Committee on the Printing Establishment was continued, and consists of Revs. Henry Hilbish, John M. Kendig, John J. Leberman, Theodore J. Bacher, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., and John Wilhelm, Robert Bell, and John Christman.

V. Publication of Minutes of Synod.

The Stated Clerk of Synod, in response to the inquiry in item 11 in the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes, reported that he complied with the instructions of Synod, respecting the publication and distribution of the Minutes of the last annual sessions of Synod. His report was accepted.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1,200 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

I. Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

J. H. Good, *Treasurer, in Account with the Ohio Synod.*

To amount received from May 15, 1876, to May 15, 1877, from the several Classes, and other sources, as follows:

	CR.
Miami Classis.	
Bill of 1876, in full, per A. H. Baughman, Treasurer	$ 96 30
Lancaster Classis.	
Balance on Bill of 1875, per Rev. S. P. Mauger, Treasurer	13 81
Bill of 1876, in part, " " " "	51 94
Tuscarawas Classis.	
Bill of 1876, in full, per Hon. T. W. Chapman, Treasurer	73 40
Tiffin Classis.	
Bill of 1876, in full, per Rev. J. H. Good, Treasurer	59 00
St. John's Classis.	
Bill of 1876, in part, per Rev. Dr. P. Greding	23 00
Eastern Ohio Classis.	
Bill of 1876, in full, per J. Greenameier, Treasurer	72 60
Iowa Classis.	
Bill of 1876, in full, per Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treasurer	16 00
Northern Illinois Classis.	
Bill of 1876, in full, per Rev. J. Sechler, Treasurer	12 90
Shelby Classis.	
Balance of Bill of 1873, per Rev. S. P. Myers	13 71
Bill of 1874, in part, " " "	17 93
St. Joseph's Classis.	
Bill of 1875, Balance, per J. St. Clair, Treasurer	10 15
Bill of 1876, in full, per Rev. L. Grosenbaugh, Treasurer	35 80
Carried over,	$496 54

Brought forward	$496 54

Cincinnati Classis.

Bill of 1876, in full, per Rev. J. Bachman	37 45

Kansas Classis.

Bill of 1876, in full, per Elder Iseley, Treasurer	8 40
	$ 542 39
From Cleveland Book Concern, for Liturgies sold since May, 1876	37 00
From Dr. Mease, for German Liturgies sold at Cleveland and Cincinnati to May 12, 1876	50 66
To Balance on hand from former year	464 35
	$1094 40

CONTRA. CR.

By Amount paid Sexton at Canal Winchester	$ 10 00
" Rev. H. M. Herman, as Synod's Counsel, at Fort Wayne	11 20
" " P. C. Prugh " " " "	6 00
" " S. B. Yockey " " " "	9 10
" Elder J. H. Moyer, ⅓ expenses as Delegate, from Kansas Classis	20 00
" Rev. J. A. Nicolai, " " " " "	24 00
" " L. M. Kerschner, ⅓ expenses as the special agent of Synod	10 75
Dr. Reiter, for printing Minutes of Synod of 1876	198 00
" " Certificates of Licensure and Ordination	9 00
" " printing tickets for use of Synod	2 00
" " traveling expenses to Synod and Cincinnati	11 25
" " postage stamps	16 00
" " wrapping paper, expressage, etc	5 50
" " salary as Stated Clerk for 1876	40 00
" " stationery and postage	8 50
Postage, stationery, exchange, etc., per Treasurer	11 25
W. D. Gross, Treasurer of General Synod, in full	280 00
Rev. H. H. in full of loan and interest for money borrowed to pay German Liturgy account	260 48
	$ 882 98
Balance on hand, May 15, 1877	211 42
	$1094 40

INDEBTEDNESS TO SYNOD.

The several Classes are in arrears to Synod, as follows:

Ursinus Classis.

Bill of 1875	15 47

Lancaster Classis.

Balance on Bill of 1876	5 06

St. John's Classis.

Balance on Bill of 1876	52 40

Shelby Classis.

Balance on Bill of 1874	7 18
Bill of 1875	19 08
Bill of 1876	9 75
Total	$ 108 89

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD, *Treasurer of Ohio Synod.*

II. Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received, and, with the Treasurer's report, adopted:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that the only document coming into our hands is the report of the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod, which we have examined and find correct. We are glad to state that the Synod's treasury is in a good condition, there being a balance of $211.14 in the treasury. For the current expenses of the coming year the Synod will need about $350. We therefore recommend that this amount be assessed among the different Classes, in the following proportion:

Miami	$62 00	Northern Illinois	$ 9 00
Lancaster	33 00	Shelby	5 00
Tuscarawas	34 00	Iowa	13 00
Tiffin	33 00	St. Joseph	23 00
St. John's	60 00	Cincinnati	39 00
Eastern Ohio	38 00	Kansas	6 00
			$355 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman*

III. Payment of Bills by the Treasurer.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the following bills, which were allowed by Synod, namely:

Rev. Geo. M. Albright, $10.00, for traveling expenses to General Synod in 1875, as counsel in a certain appeal case; the Elm Street Printing Company, $18.50, and Messrs. Krehbiel & Moss, $28.00, Cincinnati, Ohio, for printing one thousand copies of the Constitution of the Christian Aid Society, together with five hundred circulars, in the English and the German language; Rev. Henry M. Herman, $1.50, for having tickets printed for the use of Synod; Mr. Lewis S. Piper, sexton of the Reformed Church at Orrville, $10.00 for services rendered during the sessions of Synod.

IV. Finances of English Liturgy.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the afternoon session of the second day of the [illegible] ted, in item 13, that

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Vote of Thanks.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod returns its grateful thanks to the members of the Reformed congregation of Orrville, and to such other families as have opened their houses, and have so kindly and hospitably entertained us while in their midst; and that the pastor *loci* read this resolution from his pulpit at his next appointment; also that its publication in the Orrville *Crescent* be respectfully requested.

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod hereby tenders its hearty thanks to the officers of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway, and of the Cleveland, Mount Vernon & Columbus Railroad, for kindly permitting its members, attending its annual sessions at Orrville, Ohio, to pass over their roads at reduced fare.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of the foregoing resolution to the said railroad companies.

The roll was called, and the members of Synod found absent without excuse were as follows:—*Ministers:* Jesse Steiner, G. Wm. H. Smith, Ephraim M. Epstein, Emil P. Herbruck, William M. Andrews, Jesse Richards, Allen K Zartman, David Kæmmerer, D. D., Peter Herbruck, D. D., John G. Zahner, D. D., Frederick Schaad, Jonathan A. Novinger, Milton H. Groh, Wendelin H. Wittenwieler, John R. Skinner. *Elders:* David Wilkins, Philip Treash, John Stoner, John Wilhelm and Daniel Zimmerman.

The reading of the Minutes for the last day of the sessions was dispensed with, and they were then adopted as a whole, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod now adjourns to meet in General Convention in the Reformed Church at Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 8, A. D. 1878, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Synod adjourned on Monday evening, May 28, at 11 o'clock, with singing, prayer by Rev. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., praying the Lord's Prayer, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

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STATISTICAL REPORTS.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congreg'ns.	CHARGES.	Members.	Members Unconf'd.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excom'ted.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Stud. Min'y	Contrib. for Benevolent Purposes.	Contrib. for Congreg'nal Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
David Winters, D. D.	4	Mt. Zion	441	440	3	3	19		385	18		116	14	4	290		$50	$850	20	Dayton, O.
Samuel B. Yockey	2	Xenia and Beaver	290		4	12	19		240				5	2	210		175	1700	10	Xenia, O.
William McCaughey	1	Miamisburg	344	179	5	27	29	29	305	5		12	10	1	308		51	1500	10	Miamisburg, O.
Henry M. Herman	3	West Alexandria	412	110	6	5	21	2	350		1	2	8	3	450	2	250	1250	10	West Alexandria, O.
William A. Hale	1	1st Church, Dayton	250	35	17	5	9	10	180	8				1	145				10	Dayton, O.
Samuel Mease, D. D. (sup.)	1	Church of the Cross	78	32	5	4	15	5	53	8		6	4	1	180	1		600	6	Cincinnati, O.
	1	St. Paul's	56			3	3	2	25	5		20		1	65		12	275		Greenville, O.
Jacob M. LeFevre	4	Fairfield	250		10	70	80	20	250	12		30	8	3	250		57	1250	5	Fairfield, O.
Hiram Shaull	4	Union	229	75	13	7	22	3	153	7	1	24	12	5	333		22	1127	21	North Hampton, O.
Thomas H. Winters	2	Highland	150	48	6	18	55	15	150	3		25	6	4	273				11	Xenia, O.
G. Wm. H. Smith	2	Cæsar's and Mt. Pisgah	80		2	1	1	2	65	4				2	90		4	78	6	Xenia, O.
George Z. Mechling	2	Hamilton	75	50		8	4	13	66	6		6	2	2	175			500	1	Hamilton, O.
Jonathan C. Beade	2	Sidney	80	46	9	2	9	4	70				1	1	80		21	280	8	Sidney, O.
" " (supply)	2	Bloom Center	160	39	10	20	30	24	98	1	1		1	2	180		30	330	8	Sidney, O.
Levi Rike	2	Farmersville	240	100	8	4	8	3	175			4	15	2	165			600	5	Farmersville, O.
John Stuck	4	Mt. Pleasant	118	48	17	11	18	3	90	3		35	2	3	200		6	300	1	Hill Grove, O.
Jesse Steiner	3	St. Paris	150	50		1	7		140	2		30	1	3	170	2	40	1100	4	St. Paris, O.
Jacob Weaver	2	Salem	40	5	3	1	1		39	1									4	Sidney, O.
Richard B. Reichard*	2	Springboro	117	94	9		2		106	3		1	1	2	120	1	65	471	2	Springboro, O.
Adam Hawker	2	Mt. Carmel	100	50	15	9	10	19	100	2	1	2	1	2	120		9	600	12	Dayton, O.
Peter C. Prugh	2	Germantown	128	60					94					1	175				8	Germantown, O.
Lewis M. Kerschner	3	New Madison	171	63	5		9	2	127	2		4	3	2	90		33	550	6	New Madison, O.
Daniel R. Taylor	4	Bradford	135	13	13	7	18	28	118			4	2					427	4	Bradford, O.
Peter C. Prugh (supply)	2	Elk Creek & Winchester	50																	Germantown, O.
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.		Ed. Instructor																		Miamisburg, O.
Samuel Mease, D. D.		Ed. Christian World																		178 Elm Street, Cincinnati, O.
Henry T. Spangler*																				Lancaster, O.
John Pence		Without Charge																		Tremont, O.
Solomon K. Denius		" "																		New Castle, Ind.
Christian Berentz		" "																		Grandview, O.
Hiram Shumaker		" "																		Springboro, O.
Eph. M. Epstein, M. D.		" "																		Cincinnati, O.
J. E. Dingeldine, Lic.																				St. Paris, O.
Jerome B. Henry, Lic.																				West Alexandria, O.
Total, 28	57		4074	1589	169	217	389	184	3379	90	4	321	96	47	4074	6	$828	$12688	172	

* Dismissed to Lancaster Classis, Ohio Synod.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Charles W. Hoyman	4	Somerset	318	308	17	8	17	5	315	7			4	4	325	1	$330 00	$1337 00	18	Somerset, O.
Geo. H. Leonard	2	Basil	368	146	19	2	18	6	344	7		6	8	2	333	1	145 00	668 00	10	Basil, O.
John Vogt	1	Delaware	205	118	12		6	1	189	2			4	1	138				10	Delaware, O.
Wm. Gilpin	4	Union	270		7	4	21	16	226	1	1	4	2	4	322		28 16	42 89	5	Baltimore, O.
	2	Lancaster*	376		15	10	35	5	376	2	12	8	1	1	350			1800 00	4	Lancaster, O.
Jas P. Mauger	4	Winchester	250	120	12	5	20	8	221	3		10	7	4	240		175 00	1795 00	12	Canal Winchester, O.
James Heffley	1	North Union (p)	18	20	8		2		18					1	40			125 00		" "
Justin Henry	2	Kinnickinnick	111		8	4	7			1			1	2	132		28 85	570 00	12	Hallsville, O.
Jacob Klingler	4	Tarlton	240		11		8		128	7			5	2	160		62 61	800 00	10	Stoutsville, O.
Michael Loucks	1	Ch. of the Cross	32	22	2		6	5	25					1	55		10 00	375 00	5	Somerset, O.
John W. Barber	3	Jerusalem	70	50	2				70				1	3	100		21 00	300 00	4	Bremen, O.
Henry King		Without Charge																		Baltimore, O.
Alpheus E. C. Baichly, Lic																				Basil, O.
Total, 12.	27		2258	779	108	28	140	46	1902	30	18	23	28	25	2225	2	$800 62	$7812 39	90	

*Taken charge of last January by Rev. Henry T. Spangler, Lancaster, O.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.	4	Union	250	287	17		1	4	240	8			4	3	150		$ 93	$ 600	20	Wadsworth, O.
Nathaniel H. Loose	3	Shelby	198	100	8		5	2	175	7		1	4	3	210		80	945	20	Shelby, O.
Sebastian C. Goss	4	Wadsworth	283	145	12	20	41	10	264	10		8	4	4	325		105	1065	20	Wadsworth, O.
Theodore J. Bacher	4	Tuscarawas	191	208	14	2	28	8	183	11		12	8	4	210	4	227	800	20	Massillon, O.
Edward Herbruck	2	Canton	173		26	4	27	10	105	8			3		205		60	1580	10	Canton, O.
Henry H. Sandoe	3	Mohican	185	49	9	42	74	8	145	8			1	1	100		147	697	20	Mohican, O.
J. V. Lerch	4	Shenandoah	152		5		24	7	141	9			3	4	240			1285	20	Ashland, O.
Jos. L. Schatz	2	Canaan	119	54	5		14	2	105				1	2	165	1	45	1870	5	North Lima, O.
Fred. Strassner	1	Bristol	90	75	9	3	4	7	80	1		4	1	1	100		16	1700	4	Orrville, O.
	2	Navarre	72						68					1	48			1250		
Emil P. Herbruck	1	Akron	95	50	5	4	14	5	75	4		9	1	1	84		70	600	12	Akron, O.
Peter J. Spangler	4	Summit	181		8	3	12	7	165	6			3	3	200		61			Lake, Stark Co., O.
	1	Manchester	50						38											
Geo. H. Albright 1	2	Emanuel	29						29					1	50					Brandon, Ia.
John H. Beck	4	Uniontown	182		6	4	21	16	176	3			7	2	181	1	117	682	10	Lake, Stark Co., O.
John C. Klar																				Navarre, O.
Wm. M. Andrews	4	Reedsburg	162		2			3	136	2		2	2	4	200		28		5	Reedsburg, O.
Jesse Hines																				Reedsburg, O.
Jer. M. Mickly 2																				McKnightst'n, Pa.
Henry F. Long																				China Grove, N. C.
Josephus F. Sponseller																				Homeworth, O.
Chas. M. Schaaf																				Fort Wayne, Ind.
Charles Beck																				South West, Ind.
John S. Stoner, Lic.																				Canton, O.
Milton F. Frank, Lic.																				Lake, O.
Edward D. Wettach, Lic.																				Sulphur Springs, O.
Total, 21.	45		2412	918	126	82	263	84	2125	77		36	42	28	2468	6	$1044	$12974	166	

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.		Prof. Theo. Sem'y																		Tiffin, O.
Herman Rust, D. D.		Prof. Theo. Sem'y																		"
Reuben Good		Prof. Heid. Col.																		"
George W. Williard, D.D.		Pres. Heid. Col.																		"
Lewis H. Kefauver	1	1st Tiffin	298	200	10	5	30	18	263	7	0	0	8	1	220	2	$118	$1667	15	"
James T. Hale	2	Ada	106	125	15	6	28	1	101	10	0	0	4	2	200	0	4	600	9	New Lisbon, O.
Joshua H. Derr	1	Bellevue	180	140	24	0	3	1	151	0	0	0	2	1	100	0	26	1885	10	Bellevue, O.
Jesse Richards	2	Fremont	120	65	11	2	28	2	80	0	0	2	7	2	120	0	25	850	10	Fremont, O.
Augustus Konatzke	8	Findlay	48	25	13	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6		6	Findlay, O.
Amos Casselman	2	Fostoria	71	20	4	0	0	4	44	0	0	1	5	2	95	0	16	171	6	Fostoria, O.
Samuel Shaw	1	Bloomville	56	25	4	0	0	1	38	1	1	8	1	1	145	0	16	680	5	Bloomville, O.
	8	New Bavaria	347	109	14	0	41	2	227	0	0	0	11	2	160	0	68		4	New Bavaria, O.
Jonas Michael	2	Liberty Center	95	40	14	7	31	5	75	4	0	0	0	2	120	0	6	300	8	Liberty Center, O.
William J. Peters	2	Zion	180	85	6	1	0	1	135	0	0	0	4	2	180	1		300	8	Bellevue, O.
Solomon Ream	8	Heidelberg	128	171	6	0	10	4	115	0	0	8	8	2	110	0	16	423	10	Findlay, O.
Peter Tendick		Invalid																		
Allen K. Zartman	2	Helena																	6	Helena, O.
Dr. Rust (sup.)	1	2d Tiffin	240	115	24	0	29	4	240	0	0	15	13	1	168	2	168	476	12	
Dr. Williard (sup.)	8	Fort Seneca	125	175	5	0	12	8	112	0	0	0	4	2	130	0	50	400	10	
Dr. Good (sup.)	1	St. Jacob's	45	38	10	1	0	2	44	0	0	0	1	1	60	0	10	80	8	
Vacant	2	Berwick & Bascom	108	68	5	8	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	200	8	
Charles O. Knepper		Licentiate																	1	Tiffin, O.
James N. Bachman		"																		"
David J. Meese		"																		"
Total, 16.	31		2147	1401	165	30	207	48	1768	22	1	29	68	21	1808	5	$552	$8082	136	

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
David Kæmmerer, D. D.																				Wooster, O.
Peter Herbruck, D. D.	1	Canton	504		63		36	10	504		8		39	1	200		$120		5	Canton, O.
John G. Zahner, D. D.	2	Shanesville	140	130	27	4	25		130				5	2	120		34		3	Shanesville, O.
Milton H. Groh	1	Wooster	240	120	12	2	9	14	140	2			2	1	130		80	$500	15	Wooster, O.
Peter Greding, D. D.	3	New Philadelphia	289		29		24		268				14	3	175		46		3	New Philadelphia, O.
Frederick Schaad	3	Good Hope	278	303	46	1	8		255				7	3	160		30	500	5	Ragersville, O.
John M. Grether	3	Peace Charge	272	168	7	2	2	2	232	4			3	3	145	1	72		3	Canton, O.
Philip Becker	1	St. Paul's (Ger.)	340	265	12		14		310	4			4	1	140		21			Mt. Eaton, O.
Henry Kortheuer	1	Massillon															66			Massillon, O.
Siegfried Thomas	2	Alliance [Cong.]	136	112	7			5	136				4	2	180	1	41	573	1	Malvern, Carroll Co., O.
John Biery	3	St. Jno., Trin. & Zi.	210		13		18		200	1			7	2	50		32	600	1	Walhonding, O.
Geo. W. Henning	1	St. Paul's	24	28	5				22					1	92		8		5	Canton, O.
John B. Murraire	1	St. Paul's (Fr.)	180		15		13						6	1	82					Mt. Eaton, O.
Jon. A. Nevinger	2	New Bedford	350	250	40	5	15		325				13	1	150	1	26	200	4	New Bedford, O.
Henry Nau	1	Bellaire*	137	70	42		11		62				2	1	70		18			Mt. Eaton, O.
W. H. Wittenwieler	2	Ragersville	312		16				131				7	1			37		3	Ragersville, O.
E. L. Mueller	1	St. Steph'n's (Mis.)	117	113	16		9	71	93	2			2	1	65				1	Wheeling, W. Va.
Henry K. Zink	3	Oldtown			25		16		204				12	3			17			Stone Creek, O.
Julius Herold	1	Akron	274	176																Akron, O.
Edmund Erb	1	Apple Creek	84	80	4		8	1	75	1	1	1	4	1	90		8	85	2	Apple Creek, O.
Fred. Griese, Lic.																				Canton, O.
Vacant	1	Osnaburg	112		3		7						3	1			17			
Vacant	2	St. Jacob's																		
Vacant	3	St. Peter's	105		2	1	5		19					1	25		2		2	
Vacant	4	Orrville	260	200	28	4	48	60	150	10	1	1	7	1	175	1	40	300	2	
Vacant	5	Min. Pt & Waynes																		
Vacant		Helvetia (W. Va.)																		
Total, 20.	41		4364	1960	412	19	268	163	3251	24	10	2	141	31	1999	4	$705	$2758	55	

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
George M. Albright 1	2	New Lisbon	220	50	5	1	1	2	150	2		6	1	75	1	$76	$1500	18	Columbus Junc., Ia.
Jeremiah Heller	1	New Jefferson	110	53	4	3	5	1	84	1	17	2	1	85		26	540	10	Germano, O.
Henry Hilbish	2	Mt. Olivet	232	135	4	1	8		125	15	20	3	2	220		18	125	15	North Lima, O.
John M. Kendig	1	Columbiana	157	60	6	1	3	8	136	4	26	2	1	160	1	21	800	10	Columbiana, O.
" "	1	Leetonia Mission	23	14				4	23								50	5	" "
John J. Leberman	3	Louisville	365	180	34	16	34	19	270	3	3	20	3	367	1	90	1700	25	Louisville, O.
John Meckley	2	Springfield	272	195	35	1	17		225		6	18	1	100		65	500	8	Petersburg, O.
Michael A. Miller	2	Carrollton	413	99	2	20	44	2	329	7		4	2	289		23	1811	10	Carrollton, O.
Edward H. Otting	5	Warren	246	100	16	2	21		200	1		6	3	135		41	650	10	Warren, O.
Jacob B. Zumpe	3	Canfield	250	150	20	8		2	200			4	2	175		60	700	20	Canfield, O.
Vacant	2	Georgetown 2	100	53	8				100			2	2	135		17	200	12	Homeworth, O.
Total, 9.	24		2388	1089	129	53	133	38	1832	33	72	67	18	1741	3	$436	$8076	153	

1. Dismissed to Iowa Classis. 2. Estimated.

Students.		P. O. Address.
Frederick J. Sourbier,	Studying at Tiffin, O.,	Columbia, Pa.
Jacob M. Kerstetter,	" " " "	Louisville, O.
John H. Albright,	" " " "	New Lisbon, O.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Daniel Lantz	2	Foreston	94	50	4		8	4	94	2			2	1	56		$30	$830	5	Foreston, Ill.
Isaac A. Sites	3	Dakota	58	37	2		10	3	50				1	2	50		93	500	4	Dakota, Ill.
C. G. A. Hullhorst	2	Orangeville	76	25	5		3		67								30	300	3	Columbus, Neb.
William G. Hackman	1	Freeport	96	150	10		8	11	80			6	1	1	80	1	8	604	2	Freeport, Ill.
Joseph Sechler	1	Damascus	27	20	3			8	27					1	35		8	75	5	Lena, Ill.
Ottmar Esselborn	1	Loran	80	62	10		4		70	1		5	2	1	30			300	1	Loran, Ill.
John Kercher	2	Washburn*	145	100										1	60				5	La Rose, Ill.
Frederick W. Stump, Lic.																				Orangeville, Ill.
Total, 7.	12		576	444	34		33	26	388	3		11	6	7	311	1	$169	$2609	25	

*Last year's report.

Rev. Henry Aurand, on account of sickness, was not present at the last annual meeting, and died at Warren, Illinois, October 8, 1876, aged 70 years, 10 months and 4 days.

SHELBY CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Vacant	3	Altamont (1)	87	57	6	1	3	4	71				7	2	98					
Simon P. Myers	4	Anna (2)	147	102	7				79				2	2	90	1	$10	$250	12	Anna, Ill.
John Naille	3	Mt. Zion (3)	114	103	9		15	3	80				6	2	170			150		Stonington, Ill.
Vacant	2	Shelbyville	80		6								1					10		
Daniel K. Fulcason																				Blue Mound, Ill.
Harvey Wilson																				Wykoff, Minn.
Total, 4.	12		428	262	28	1	18	7	230				16	6	358	1	$10	$410	12	

1. Served to July 1, 1876, by Rev. S. P. Myers. 2. Served by Rev. S. P. Myers, since July 1, 1876. 3. Vacant at present.

IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Frederick C. Bauman	3	Harmony	135	128	20				130	23		16	2	3	125	1	$127	$ 800	2	Zwingle, Ia.
Dewalt S. Fouse	4	Tipton	125	78	10		4	13	118	6			2	2	90		119	639	4	Lisbon, Ia.
Cyrus Cort	3	Maquoketa	52	45	5	3	5	5	45	14				3	150	1	60	700	4	Maquoketa, Ia.
John A. Smith	2	Boulder	81	47	4			8	62			1	1	1	40		57	300	2	Anamosa, Ia.
David P. LeFevre	1	Pleasant Valley	17	16		1	1	16												Pleasant Valley, Ia.
Jacob Kuhn	1	Powshiek	16	15	2			4	16				1				4	80	1	Dutch Creek, Ia.
George M. Albright	2	Wilton & Clifton	205	104	15	3	8	2	200	10		2		2	125		30	1400	2	Columbus Junction,
George H. Albright	2	Brandon	98	73	5	1	4		94				5	1	80		40	260	2	Brandon, Ia. [Ia.
George Weber	2	Eldorado	26	20	3				26								62	10	1	Vinton, Ia.
John P. Poerner		Without Charge																		
Vacant	1	Blairstown	40	30	1				35					1	40	1	48	75		
Total, 10.	21		795	556	65	8	22	48	726	53		19	11	13	640	3	$537	$3714	18	

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Samuel Z. Beam (1)	3	Wakeshma	124	73	3	2	6	7	114	9		1	2	90	$21	$2500	10	Fulton, Mich.
Andrew Butt	1	Montpelier	16	8	8	1	9	1	16									Montpelier, O.
William H. Fenneman	3	Union	135	80	4	1	13	1	120		10	3	2	135	52	465	5	Waterloo, Ind.
Lewis Grosenbaugh	1	Three Rivers	183	90	32	6	43	42	160	6	9	2	1	110		670	5	Three Rivers, Mich.
Scott F. Hershey (2)	2	Rochester	23	11					23				1	38		54		Rochester, Ind.
H. Leutzinger	2	Colon	75	68	3				60			2			6	350	2	Burr Oak, Mich.
Lewis Richter (3)	3	Marshall	170	145	12			3	119				3	125	13	83	13	Plymouth, Ind.
John R. Skinner	4	Bunker Hill	132	16		2	2	7	123	2		1	3	210	44	556	24	Pulaski, O.
Elias Spangler	1	Farmer	22				1	5	22		1		1	60				Edgerton, O.
Frederick Wall	2	Emanuel	90		3			1	65			3	1	25	5	575	1	Bluffton, Ind.
Edwin R. Williard	3	White Pigeon	140	75	12	4	10	9	127			1	3	170	18	2700	4	White Pigeon, Mich.
William H. Ziegler	2	Zion	80	51	9	6	7	23	80		4		2	160	23	1180	3	Goshen, Ind.
Lewis Grosenbaugh (sup.	1	Park Grove	40		2		6	9	40				1	10	3	260	2	Three Rivers, Mich.
Vacant	3	Clay Pool	64				2						2	75		24		Silver Lake, Ind.
Vacant	1	Neriah	40	20								1	1	20				Erie, Mich.
Vacant	3	Winamac	104	70	4	2	4	1	70	9	7	2	3	150	13	265		Winamac, Ind.
William G. Hackman (4)		Without Charge																Freeport, Ill.
Daniel Kroh		" "																Erie, Mich.
David H. Reiter		" "																Berrien Sp'gs, Mich.
Total, 15.	35		1538	707	92	24	103	109	1139	26	31	16	26	1378	$198	$9682	69	

1. Dismissed to Westmoreland Classis, and Charge supplied by J. P. Riedinger. 2. Not yet regularly received into this Classis.
3. Still connected with Zion's Classis. 4. Dismissed to Northern Illinois Classis since the annual meeting.

CINCINNATI CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Frederick W. Berleman	2	Evan. Ref. Church	145	68	7	8	27	2	137	4			4	1	80		$ 32	$ 700	8	Millville, O.
John Heckman	1	Salem's Church	738	480	92		54	23	706	2			39	1	386	1	360	2300	5	Cincinnati, O.
Bernhard R. Huecker	1	Ref. Ch., Cov., Ky.	189	123	16		8	8	149	8	3	1	6	1	130		80	4294	1	Covington, Ky.
C. F. W. Stechow	6	Beaver	250	175	25		23		150	1			13	5	150		37	800	1	Beaver, O.
John C. Henneman	5	Jackson Mission	248	192	23		8		163				5				32	600	1	Beaver, O.
John Bachman	1	1st Ref. Church	435	340	39		23	21	368	4		11	21	2	260	2	340	2900	5	Cincinnati, O.
G. J. Reiche	3	Rising Sun	214	173	30	1	27	2	214				14	3	100		54	1500	1	Rising Sun, Ind.
G. Beisser	1	Piqua	34	54	2		1		58				3	1	45				1	Piqua, O.
Nathaniel Ruetenik	2	Arnheim	80	63	10				60				4	2	80		10	160	1	Higginsport, O.
Augustus Toensmeier	1	Ironton	140	120	17		12		110				4	1	100		45	650	4	Ironton, O.
Vacant	1	2d Ref. Church*	217	119	13		8		160			4	3	1	135		103	900	1	Dayton, O.
Henry Hanhart		Without Charge																		Cincinnati, O.
Total, 11.	24		2685	1857	274	4	181	56	2270	19	3	16	116	18	1466	3	$1093	$14804	24	

*Supplied by C. H. Schoepfle since January, 1877.

KANSAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Joseph A. Keller	1	Denver Mission	42	87	15	4	12	5	31				1	1	85		$27	$397	6	Denver, Col.
Emanuel Richards	3	Brown Co. "	45	53	7	8	1	12	44					†2				187	3	Pleasant Dale, Kan.
Vacant	3	Wathena "	158	179	6			32					2	2	100				1	Wathena, Kan.
Vacant	1	*Tur. Creek "	112	129	7				50				5	1	20			400	2	Abilene, Kan.
Vacant	1	Ravanna "	19		1				12								5	158	1	Ravanna, Mo.
John A. Nicolai																				Wathena, Kan.
J. V. Lerch																				Ashland, O.
Emanuel Shultz																				New York City.
Total, 5.	9		376	398	36	7	13	49	137				8	6	205		$32	$1187	13	

*Supplied by Charles J. Wieser.
†Union Sunday-schools.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Additio's Confirmed.	Additio's By Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Minutes.
Miami	28	57	4074	1539	169	217	389	184	3379	90	4	321	96	47	4074	6	$828	$12688	172
Lancaster	12	27	2258	779	108	28	140	46	1902	30	13	23	28	25	2225	2	800	7812	90
Tuscarawas	21	45	2412	918	126	82	263	84	2125	77		36	42	34	2468	6	1044	12974	166
Tiffin	16	31	2147	1401	165	30	207	48	1768	22	1	29	63	21	1803	5	552	8032	186
St. John's	20	41	4364	1960	412	19	268	163	3251	24	10	2	141	31	1999	4	705	2758	55
Eastern Ohio	9	24	2388	1089	129	53	133	38	1832	33		72	67	18	1741	3	436	8076	153
Northern Illinois	7	12	576	444	84		33	26	388	3		11	6	7	311	1	169	2609	25
Shelby	4	12	428	262	28	1	18	7	230				16	6	358	1	10	410	12
Iowa	10	21	795	556	65	8	22	48	726	53		19	11	13	640	3	537	3714	18
St. Joseph's	15	35	1538	707	92	24	103	109	1139	26		31	16	26	1378		198	9682	69
Cincinnati	11	24	2685	1857	274	4	181	56	2270	19	3	16	116	18	1466	3	1093	14804	24
Kansas	5	9	376	398	36	7	13	49	137				8	6	205		32	1137	13
Synod of Ohio.....12 Classes.	158	338	24041	11910	1638	473	1770	858	19142	377	31	560	610	252	18668	34	$6404	$84696	933
Synod of N.W..... 9 "	125	192	16998	13600	1553	7	1002	594	12181	305	110	34	469	148	8594	14	6940	31359	
Synod in U. S..... 8 "	200	443	68560	36960	5787	188	3797	1261	51898	656	88		2263	463	31250	61	31037	185063	
Synod of Pittsburg... 5 "	50	112	9812	7425	892		539	322	8155	155	8		199	89	5808	9	6002	13267	
Synod of Potomac.... 6 "	112	246	25129	15607	1953		1625	465	21756	334	8		665	207	13680	38	13144		
East. German Synod. 5 "	35	37	7861	5575	1647	8	608	396	6582	142	4		509	39	5604	3	3987	43198	
Total: 6 Synods, 45 Classes.	680	1368	146901	91077	13476	676	9341	3896	119164	1969	249	594	4715	1198	83604	159	$67514	$357583	

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

OHIO SYNOD

OF THE

Reformed Church,

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

AT

XENIA, OHIO, MAY 8th, A. D. 1878.

CINCINNATI:
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FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in General Convention in the Reformed Church, at Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the eighth day of May, at seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and closed its sessions on the following Monday evening at half-past nine o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod, pursuant to adjournment, convened in convention, and, after singing, and prayer by the President, proceeded to effect a permanent organization by the enrollment of its members and the election of its officers.

The synodical sermon was preached on Thursday evening by the retiring President, Rev. Sebastian C. Goss, from 2 Chronicles xxviii. 21; xxix. 35, 36; xxxi. 20, 21: "*For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of the Lord, and out of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not. . . . And also the burnt-offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace-offerings, and the drink-offerings for every burnt-offering. So the service of the house of the Lord was set in order. And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly. . . . And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was good and right and truth before the Lord his God. And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek [illegible] did it with all his heart, and prospered.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS	ELDERS.
Miami.	David Winters, D. D.	George F. Wentz.
	Samuel B. Yockey.	Andrew H. Baughman.
	William McCaughey.	
	Henry M. Herman.	
	William A. Hale.	
	Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	
	Samuel Mease, D. D.	
	Jacob M. LeFevre.	
	Hiram Shaull.	
	Thomas H. Winters.	
	G. Wm. H. Smith.	John W. Peterson. David Wilkins.
	Jonathan C. Beade.	James Swander.
	Levi Rike.	
	John Stuck.	
	Jesse Steiner.	John Karn.
	Jacob Weaver.	
	Richard B. Reichard.	John Siegfried.
	Adam Hawker.	
	Peter C. Prugh.	Joseph F. Kemp.
	Lewis M. Kerschner.	
	Daniel R. Taylor.	Isaac Griest.
	John Pence.	
	Milton F. Frank.	
Lancaster.	George H. Leonard.	
	Henry T. Spangler.	
	Silas P. Mauger.	Peter Brown.
	Austin Henry.	
	Jacob Klingler.	
	Michael Loucks.	
	John W. Barber.	
	Francis C. Yost.	
Tuscarawas.	Sebastian C. Goss.	
	Henry H. Sandoe.	David B. Jones.
	Jacob V. Lerch.	
	Emil P. Herbruck.	John Weimer, M. D.
	William M. Andrews.	
	Charles W. Good.	

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Tiffin.	Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	
	Herman Rust, D. D.	
	Geo. W. Williard, D. D.	
	Lewis H. Kefauver.	Lewis Keller.
	Amos Casselman.	
	Alpheus E. C. Baichly.	
	Lewis Richter.	
St. John's.	John Biery.	
Eastern Ohio.	John M. Kendig.	Robert Bell.
	James T. Hale.	
	Fred. F. Christine.	
N. Illinois.	No members present.	
Shelby	Simon P. Myers.	
Iowa.	No members present.	
St. Joseph's.	John R. Skinner.	
	Frederick Wall.	
	Edwin R. Williard.	
	William H. Ziegler.	
	Reuben Keller.	
Cincinnati.	C. F. Wm. Stechow.	
Kansas.	Joseph A. Keller.	Frederick Isely.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Samuel Wilson, D. D, United Presbyterian Church.
" G. W. Morehead, D. D, " " "
" J. G. Carson, D. D., " " "
" Thos. M. Hopkins, Presbyterian "
" J. F. Shaffer, Evangelical Lutheran "
" Lucian Clark, Methodist Episcopal "
" W. N. Brodbeck, " " "
" B. Bedell, Baptist "

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John M. Kendig, *President*, Columbiana, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., is *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Herma[illegible] *Corresponding Secretary*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Jeren[illegible] D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The established Rules of Order, a copy of which was distributed to each member of Synod, were observed in the transaction of business

The Bar of the House was made to include the first six pews from the front.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of Synod:

The Morning Sessions to open at half-past eight and close at half-past e'even o'clock, and the first half hour to be spent in devotional services.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at two and close at five o'clock.

A session was held on Monday evening.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

Religious Services.—Revs. Samuel B. Yockey, Hiram Shaull, and Elder Andrew H. Baughman.

Synodical Minutes—Revs. George H. Leonard, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., and Elder George F. Wentz

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. Edwin R. Williard, John Biery, Emil P Herbruck; Elders Peter Brown and Lewis Keller.

Overtures.—Revs. Michael Loucks, Jonathan C. Beade, and Elder David B. Jones.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. William McCaughey, David Winters, D. D., Henry T. Spangler, Charles W. Good; Elders John Weimer, M. D., and Robert Bell.

State of Religion.—Revs. Sebastian C Goss, Richard B. Reichard, and Elder John Siegfried.

Missions—Revs. Austin Henry, Herman Rust, D. D., and Elder John W. Peterson.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. Peter C. Prugh, Charles W. Good, and Elder John Karn.

Heidelberg College.—Revs. Samuel Mease, D. D., Amos Casselman, and Elder James Swander.

Sunday Schools and Catechisation.—Revs. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., Silas P. Mauger, and Elder Robert Bell.

Publication.—Revs. Simon P. Myers, Alpheus E. C. Baichly, and Elder John Wiemer, M. D.

Finance.—Revs. William H. Ziegler, Wm. M. Andrews, and Elder David B. Jones.

Nomination—Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, George W. Williard, D. D., and Elder Lewis Keller.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, St. John's, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, Shelby, Iowa, St. Joseph, Cincinnati, and Kansas, were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the Committee on those subjects.

2. The Reports of the Board of Trustees, and of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, together with that of the Treasurer, and that of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, were received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

3. The Report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, and that of the Financial Agent, were received and referred to the Committee on Heidelberg College.

4. The Reports of the Board of Home Missions, and of its Treasurer, were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

5. The Reports of the Board of Church Erection, and of its Treasurer, were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

6. The Report of the Board of Sunday Schools was received and referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools and Catechisation.

7. The Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

8. The Report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Commmittee on Finance.

9. Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services:

1. The sessions throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Committee on Religious Services presented their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Religious Services would respectfully submit the following report:

Reformed Church.—Saturday afternoon: Sermon by Rev. W. A. Hale; liturgical services, Rev. J. M. Kendig. Sunday morning: Communion Sermon, Rev. J. M. Kendig; liturgical services, Rev S. Mease, D. D. Evening: Sermon by Rev. E. P. Herbruck.

Presbyterian Church.—Morning: Rev. Wm. McCaughey. Evening: Rev. W. H. Ziegler.

First U. P. Church.—Morning: Rev. J. H. Good, D. D.

Second U. P. Church.—Evening: Rev. C. W. Good.

Third U. P. Church.—Morning: Rev. E. R. Williard.

Trinity M. E Church.—Morning: Rev. H. T. Spangler.

Trinity M. E. Church.—Evening: Rev. G. H. Leonard.

First M. E Church.—Morning: Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D.

First M. E. Church.—Evening: Rev. J. R. Skinner.

Baptist Church.—Evening: Rev. S. Mease, D. D.

Evangelical Lutheran Church.—Morning: Rev. J. A. Keller.

Evangelical Lutheran Church.—Evening: Rev. A. Henry.

Beaver Church.—Afternoon: Rev. S. P. Mauger.

Cæsar's Creek Church.—Rev. W. H. Ziegler.

First Church, Dayton.—Morning: Rev. L. H. Kefauver.

First Church, Dayton.—Evening: Rev. J. T. Hale.

West Alexandria.—During Sunday: Rev. S. P. Myers.

Street Service.—Sunday afternoon: Rev. L. Richter.

A. M. E. Church.—Morning: Rev. H. H. Sandoe.
A. M. E. Church.—Evening: Rev. R. Keller.
S. S. Orphan Home—Rev. P. C. Prugh.
Reformed Church, Fairfield.—Rev. F. F. Christine.
Greene County Infirmary.—Rev. M. Loucks.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

The religious services, as appointed by the Committee, were severally observed.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Synod, a copy of which was received in printed form through the Stated Clerk, were referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes. This Committee presented the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item:

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, having examined the Minutes of 1877, would report that they find the following items requiring the Synod's attention:

Item 1, page 28. The officers of the Board of Church Erection are authorized to execute a note to the Trustees of Heidelberg College, with reference to the Reformed Church at Hamilton, Ohio.

Item 2, page 28 The Trustees of Heidelberg College are respectfully requested to acquiesce in the aforesaid action of Synod.

Item 3, page 32. The reaffirmation of Synod's previous action, requiring the dissolution of all Classical Boards of Missions.

Item 4, page 32. The appointment of the General Missionary Superintendent is referred to the Boards of Missions and of Church Erection.

Item 5. The several Synodical Boards required to report to this Synod:

a) The Board of Home Missions, page 32.
b) The Board of Church Erection, page 33.
c) The Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary, page 41.
d) The Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary, page 41.
e) The Board of Truste[illegible]rg College, page 48.

f) The Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College, page 49.

g) The Board of Trustees of Christian Aid Society, page 50.

h) The Board of Sunday Schools, page 56.

i) The Board of Publication, page 67.

Item 6, page 40. Graduating exercises are to be inaugurated in connection with the Theological Seminary.

Item 7, page 41. The apportionment of the indebtedness of the Board of Beneficiary Education among the several Classes.

Item 8, page 56. The organization of Classical Sunday School Conventions, and their report of the fact to Synod.

Item 9, page 56. The Board of Sunday Schools is to arrange, for Friday evening during the sessions of Synod, for the preaching of a sermon on some Sunday-school subject.

Item 10, page 58 The attention of the Synodical Boards is directed to the former action of Synod, requiring their respective Treasurers to execute bonds to the Trustees of Synod.

Item 11, pages 58–60. The appointment of a Committee to prepare a Hymn Book, consisting of Revs. Drs. J. H. Good, I. H. Reiter, and S. Mease.

Item 12, page 61. The Stated Clerk of Synod is instructed to notify the Presbytery of Winona, in regard to the action of this Synod respecting the reception of Rev. Harvey Wilson by that body.

Item 13, pages 61, 62. The continuation of an assistant agent (Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D.) in the will-case of George Shutt.

Item 14, page 62. The Classis of Kansas is requested to amend its records respecting the reception of Rev. Emanuel Richards.

Item 15, page 68. The continuation of the Committee on the Printing Establishment.

Item 16, page 69. Instruction to the Stated Clerk to have 1,200 copies of the Minutes of the last Synod published.

Item 17, page 71. The assessment of $355.00 for contingent expenses among the Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. LEONARD, *Chairman*.

The report was disposed of as follows: For action in items 1, 3, 4, 5, *a* and *b*, see Article XIII., Missions; for disposition of item 5, in *c* and *d*, see Article XIV., Theological Seminary; in *e*, see Article XV, Heidelberg College; in *f*, no report received; in *g*, see Article XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; in *h*, togethe

item 8, see Article XVII., Sunday Schools; in *i*, including items 15 and 16, see Article XXI., Publication; for action in items 10, 11, 12 and 13, see Article XX., Church Government; in item 17, see Article XXII., Finance; and all the other items, being 2, 6, 7, 9, 14, were adopted. (Item 14 was adopted in connection with item 12. in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes.)

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole; and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Minutes of Classes would report that they have examined the Minutes of all the Classes, and have gleaned therefrom the following items:

I. Irregularities.

Item 1 Miami Classis failed to call the roll at one special meeting, and at both special meetings made no record of the members present.

Item 2. Tuscarawas, Shelby and Northern Illinois Classes failed to send in their Minutes on paper of the required form.

Item 3. Northern Illinois and Shelby Classes failed to present a separate copy of their reports on the State of Morals and Religion.

Item 4. Northern Illinois Classis appointed Rev. J. H. Derr, an advisory member, chairman of the Committee on State of Religion.

II. Requests and Recommendations.

Item 5. Lancaster Classis requests Synod to investigate the management of Heidelberg College.

Item 6. Tuscarawas Classis requests permission to occupy missionary ground without first consulting Synod's Board of Missions.

Item 7. Tuscarawas Classis requests Synod to ratify its irregularity in ordaining Robert F. Oplinger.

Item 8. Tiffin Classis requests Synod to go forward in the publication of a [illegible] as soon as possible, which shall consist of about thre[illegible]s.

Item 9. Cincinnati Classis requests Synod to permit it to have its own missionary board.

Item 10. Cincinnati Classis requests to be released from Synod's apportionment for the indebtedness of the Boards of Missions and Church Erection.

Item 11. Shelby Classis (*a*) recommends to this Synod that the one-third of the traveling expenses of its delegates to the Ohio Synod, when meeting east of Illinois, be paid only to such delegates as shall have been in attendance during the whole sessions of Synod, producing a certificate to such effect; and (*b*) this Classis states that it had received certain documents and statements from Rev. Harvey Wilson, through the Stated Clerk of the Ohio Synod, bearing on and explanatory of his course of procedure without a dismission from Classis and his reception by the Presbytery of Winona; and that now there seemed to be nothing in the way of granting him a regular dismission from this Classis, consenting to such action on the part of this Synod.

Item 12. Kansas Classis notifies Synod of a misapprehension of its Minutes, inasmuch as it did not receive Rev. E. Richards from the "Church of God," but from the Wesleyan Methodist Church of England.

Item 13. Lancaster Classis calls Synod's attention to the gross violation of Article 130 of the Constitution.

Item 14. St. John's Classis earnestly requests to be dismissed to the Synod of the Northwest.

III. Appeals and Complaints.

(Nothing reported or requiring action.)

IV. Subjects Referred to Classes.

Item 15. Miami, Tuscarawas and Kansas Classes acknowledge the irregularities in their Minutes as specified by Synod.

Item 16. Miami, Lancaster and Tuscarawas Classes adopt Synod's request for an increase of contributions to the Library and Cabinet of Heidelberg College.

Item 17. Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas and Northern Illinois Classes adopt the action of Synod in regard to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 18. Miami and Lancaster Classes decline to reconsider their previous action in regard to the Printing Establishment.

Item 19. Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, St. Joseph's and Eastern Ohio Classes adopt Synod's recommendation in regard to the spread of the *Christian World* and Sunday-school publications.

Item 20. Lancaster Classis accedes to Synod's request in regard to the subject of Missions and Classical Boards of Missions.

Item 21. Miami, Lancaster, Shelby and Iowa Classes report Classical Sunday-school Conventions organized.

Item 22. Tuscarawas Classis refuses to reconsider its previous action in regard to the apportionment for the indebtedness of the Board of Missions.

Item 23. Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois and St. Joseph's Classes adopt Synod's missionary suggestions.

Item 24. Tuscarawas and Iowa Classes refuse to dissolve their missionary boards.

Item 25. Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois and St. Joseph's Classes adopt Synod's Sunday-school suggestions.

Item 26. Tuscarawas Classis acquiesces in the compromise respecting the complaint of St. John's Classis.

Item 27. Tuscarawas, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois and Iowa Classes adopt Synod's instructions in regard to calling special meetings.

Item 28. Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph's Classes express sympathy with the Printing Establishment project, and willingness to work for its success.

Item 29. Lancaster, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois and St. Joseph's Classes accept their apportionments for the debt of the Board of Education.

Item 30. Iowa Classis declines to bring its missions under the care of Synod's Board.

Item 31. St. John's Classis declines to abolish its Classical Missionary Board, but instructs its Treasurer to report annually to the Synod's Board of Missions.

Item 32. St. John's Classis declines to accept Synod's proposed compromise in regard to the transfer of the Wooster Congregation to Tuscarawas Classis, and reaffirms its action taken at Bellaire.

Item 33. St. John's Classis declines to take favorable action respecting the Printing House project.

Item 34. St. John's Classis adopts Synod's recommendations in regard to the *Christian World* and Sunday-school publications.

Item 35. St. John's Classis takes no definite action in regard to

the apportionment of the debt of the Board of Beneficiary Education, merely referring it to its different ministers and congregations, without making a special apportionment among them.

Item 36. St. John's Classis declines to accept the apportionment laid upon it by Synod to liquidate the indebtedness of the Board of Missions.

V. Licensure, Ordination, Reception and Dismission.

Item 37. Miami Classis dismissed Rev. H. T. Spangler to Lancaster Classis, and licentiate J. B. Henry to St. Joseph's Classis; received Milton F. Frank from Tuscarawas Classis, and ordained him.

Item 38. Lancaster Classis received licentiate Francis C. Yost from East Susquehanna Classis, and ordained him; Rev. H. T. Spangler from Miami Classis; dismissed licentiate A. E. C. Baichly to Tiffin Classis; restored Peter D. Schory.

Item 39. Tuscarawas Classis received Rev. C. W. Good from Miami Classis, and Rev. J. Kester from Heidelberg Classis; dismissed Rev. F. Strassner to St. John's Classis, Rev. P. J. Spangler to St. Joseph's Classis, licentiate M. F. Frank to Miami Classis, Rev. H. F. Long to Mercersburg Classis, and Rev. J. F. Sponseller to the Evangelical Lutheran Church; licensed and ordained R. F. Oplinger, and dismissed him to Shelby Classis.

Item 40. Tiffin Classis licensed R. Keller and Prof. J. P. Moore; received Rev. N. H. Loose from Tuscarawas Classis, and Rev. L. Richter from Zion's Classis; dismissed Rev. W. B. Sandoe to the Classis of Allegheny, licentiate R. Keller, Rev. J. Michael and Rev. S. Ream to St. Joseph's Classis, Rev. J. T. Hale to Eastern Ohio Classis, and licentiate J. N. Bachman to the Classis of East Pennsylvania; ordained licentiates A. E. C. Baichly and D. J. Meese.

Item 41. St. John's Classis received Rev. F. Strassner from the Tuscarawas Classis, and dismissed Rev. John B. Murraire to the Presbytery of Wisconsin.

Item 42. Eastern Ohio Classis received Rev. J. T. Hale from Tiffin Classis, and Rev. F. F. Christine from West Susquehanna Classis; deposed Rev. Gottlieb Ziegler.

Item 43 Northern Illinois Classis received licentiate F. W. Stump, and ordained him.

Item 44. Shelby Classis received Rev. Jeriah S. Shade from Mercersburg Classis and Rev Robert F. Oplinger from Tuscarawas Classis.

Item 45. Iowa Classis dismissed Rev. J. B. Poerner to Milwaukee Classis; received Rev. G. M. Albright from Eastern Ohio Classis, Rev. G. H. Albright from Tuscarawas Classis, and Rev. J. H. Buser from Ursinus Classis; dismissed Rev. G. M. Albright to Eastern Ohio Classis.

Item 46. St. Joseph's Classis received Rev. J. Michael and licentiate R. Keller from Tiffin Classis, licentiate J. B. Henry from Miami Classis, and Rev. S. F. Hershey from Indiana Classis; ordained licentiates R. Keller and J. B. Henry.

Item 47. Kansas Classis received Rev. J. H. Schlappig from East Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. E. Bauman from Indiana Classis; dismissed Rev. E. Shultz to the North Classis of Long Island of the Reformed Church in America.

VI. Annual Meetings of Classes.

Item 48. Miami Classis will meet in Dayton, Ohio, October 10, 1878, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. S. B. Yockey, President; Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk; Mr. A. H. Baughman, Treasurer.

Item 49. Lancaster Classis will meet in St. Jacob's Church, Union Charge, October 9, 1878, at 7 P. M. Rev. Wm. Gilpin, President; Rev. G. H. Leonard, Stated Clerk; Rev. S. P. Mauger, Treasurer.

Item 50. Tuscarawas Classis will meet in Akron, Ohio, September 25, 1878, at 7 P. M. Rev. T. J. Bacher, President; Rev. E. P. Herbruck, Stated Clerk; Mr. T. W. Chapman, Treasurer.

Item 51. Tiffin Classis will meet in Fostoria, Ohio, August 22, 1878, at 7 P. M. Rev. S. Shaw, President; Rev. J. H. Good, D. D, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 52. St. John's Classis will meet at Evans' Creek, Coshocton County, Ohio, October 10, 1878, at 7 P. M. Rev. P. Herbruck, D. D., President; Rev. J. G. Zahner, D. D., Stated Clerk; Rev. P. Groding, D. D., Treasurer.

Item 53. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet in North Lima, Ohio, August 22, 1878, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. Hilbish, President; Rev. J. M. Kendig, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 54. Northern Illinois Classis will meet in Washburn, Marshall County, Illinois, September 26, 1878, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. I. A. Sites, President; Rev. F. W. Stump, Stated Clerk; Rev. J. Sechler, Treasurer.

Item 55. Shelby Classis will meet in St. Paul's Church, Shelbyville Charge, Shelby Co., Ill., October 10, 1878. at 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. S. Shade, President; Rev. S. P. Myers, [illegible] and Treasurer.

Item 56. Iowa Classis will meet in Zwingle, Dubuque County, Iowa, October 2, 1878, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. A. Smith, President; Rev. D. S. Fouse, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 57. St. Joseph's Classis will meet in Winamac, Indiana, October 10, 1878, at 7 P. M. Rev. Lewis Grosenbaugh, President and Treasurer; Rev. E. R. Williard, Stated Clerk.

Item 58. Cincinnati Classis will meet in Covington, Kentucky, September 5, 1878, at 7:45 P.M. Rev. C. W. F. Stechow, President; Rev. J. Bachman, Stated Clerk; Mr. Henry Schroer, Treasurer.

Item 59. Kansas Classis will meet in Hiawatha, Brown County, Kansas, October 10, 1878, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. A. Nicolai, President; Rev. J. A. Keller, Stated Clerk; Mr. F. Isely, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 to 59 inclusive, were adopted; for action in item 5, see Article XV., Heidelberg College; in item 6, Tuscarawas Classis is directed to Synod's action in 1877, Minutes, page 32, resolution 4; for action in items 7, 8, 11, *b* and 32, see Article XX., Church Government; for action in items 9, 22, 24 and 30, see Article XIII., Missions; items 10, 11, *a* and 14 were adopted and requests therein granted; item 13 adopted and Lancaster Classis referred to the action of General Synod in 1869, Minutes, page 57; item 18 adopted and said Classes excused; and item 36 adopted and the Classis relieved.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was received, and having been considered item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures respectfully report the following items for the consideration of Synod:

Item 1. Is a report of the Board of Missions of Tuscarawas Classis.

Item 2. Is a report of the Beneficiary Board of Tuscarawas Classis.

Item 3. Is a document of Shelby Classis in the case of Rev. John Naille.

Item 4. Is a paper referring to the peculiar condition of the Boundary Charge.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL LOUCKS, *Chairman.*

The disposition of the report: Item 1 adopted and referred to the Committee on Missions; for disposition of item 2, see Article XIV., Theological Seminary; for action in item 3, see Article XX., Church Government; the petitioners, sending up the paper in item 4, are respectfully referred in the case to Miami Classis.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application having been made in behalf of Frank C. Witthoft, a student of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, and regularly dismissed therefrom, for examination and licensure, he was referred to the Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination. This Committee, during the morning session on Saturday, May 11, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would beg leave to offer the following report, viz:

That they have examined the applicant, Frank C. Witthoff, referred to them, in the various branches of study taught in our Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, embracing the subjects specified in the Constitution of the Reformed Church, and also in reference to his religious experience and the motives by which he was impelled to enter the gospel ministry, would report the examination to be satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. McCAUGHEY, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That Frank C. Witthoff is hereby licensed to preach the gospel, and that the officers of Synod are instructed to furnish

him with a certificate of licensure, upon his signing the *Formula*, as prescribed by the Constitution.

Resolved, That he be referred to Miami Classis.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Dear Fathers and Brethren in the Lord:—The prevailing spirit of the various Classical reports is that of gratitude to the Father of all mercies. This ought also to be the real sentiment of all our hearts in our present Synodical assembly, when to some extent we attempt to aggregate God's blessings upon the various churches throughout our bounds.

From the Classical reports—some meager and given only in general terms—we are able to gather the following concerning the state of religion in the bounds of our Synod.

In the congregations and charges having regular pastors, the *Word* has been preached and the sacraments have been administered with faithfulness on the part of the ministry. In this respect it does not appear from the reports that any one is charged with neglect of duty.

In the sphere of the Sunday school and catechisation there seems to be a greater diversity of faithfulness. While one Classis reports her schools "a power of good, as nurseries of Christian piety," another says, "There is much room for an increase of interest in this direction on the part of the clergy."

Again, while one Classis can say, "Our old Reformed custom of catechisation is growing in popularity," another report speaks of embarrassment to the elder in answering the constitutional questions, because of his pastor's neglect in this important branch of his ministry. An intimation something like this is contained in a few of the reports; enough so to lead us to fear that some of our ministry are neglecting the Savior's injunction, "Feed my lambs."

Taking all the reports together, however, we believe the language

of one report expresses the interest taken in these two branches of Christian work throughout our bounds—They are "receiving more attention than formerly."

One Classis speaks of the good results following the adoption of the apostolic mode of alms-giving in nearly all her charges. Others speak of a growing interest in the cause of Christian beneficence, and still others complain of a falling off in collections because of the stringency of money matters.

The fruits of the year's labor are also mentioned in the reports. As far as numbers received and amounts contributed are concerned, these will appear in the "statistical tables;" though it is to be regretted that greater care is not taken, on the part of some Clerks or Classes, in obtaining full and accurate statistics.

While the health of our people seems to have been remarkably good, the losses in some cases are still heavy. Many have removed to the unoccupied West, and others are stricken off in the process of separating the chaff from the wheat.

Generally speaking, there is uniformity in the reports, as to results of labor spent on our fields.

Yet it is apparent that the Savior's parable of sower and seed has an application here. There is a diversity in the fruits, as to *quantity*, while the same good seed may have been sown. Under the same faithful preaching, fewer may have been brought to Christ in some cases than in others. Hardness of heart and worldliness of mind are complained of as great barriers in the way of the spreading of the gospel.

But the state of religion is to be sought for in the lives of those who *have*—not those who have *not*—received the truth and come into the kingdom. The inner life of the Christian and the spiritual growth of our churches must be taken into the reckoning. Of this mention is also made in the reports, and here again there is diversity —clouds and sunshine. Worldliness and indifference are complained of as being developed under the financial pressure. Under a mistaken policy some begin to economize first of all in the sphere of religion.

One Classis speaks of the neglect of prayer-meetings, the falling of in beneficence and Church finances generally, and the want of patronage given our Church literature, as being a reflection against their religious life. The prevailing tone, however, we believe to be encouraging. Along with the report of large [illegible] the cheer-

force; whereas, if the Church has a mind to work, the way will not be hard to find.

The Board takes great pleasure in stating that Jacob Thomas, of Springfield, Ohio, a faithful member of the Church, who died a little over a year ago, bequeathed the sum of $250 to the cause of missions, which sum it is expected will be paid over in the course of a few months. Would that his example would encourage others, who are equally as well off as he was, to do likewise.

The debt of the Board, which was apportioned among the several Classes at the last meeting of the Synod, although somewhat reduced, is still not paid. This is a matter of regret, as the parties to whom the money is owing should have been paid. and the way opened for enlarged operations. As long as this debt remains unpaid, the Board can not take up the new and inviting points that apply for aid

The following missions have been under the care of the Board during the year:

1. *Denver City, Colorado.*—Rev. J. A. Keller still continues the missionary at this point, and preaches in both the German and English languages, giving the morning to the former and the afternoon and evening to the latter. The attendance on divine service is reported encouraging. Fourteen members were added during the year, making the membership forty-six. The German Sunday-school numbers sixty scholars and the English ninety-two. The church has been frescoed, repainted and partly carpeted. The debt on the church has been reduced somewhat, but not entirely canceled. The prospect upon the whole is encouraging, although there have been some frictions between the German and English portions. The appropriation is reduced to $300.

2. *Brown County Mission.*—Rev. E. Richards has served this mission until quite recently, when he resigned on account of some trouble that arose The mission has made considerable progress, and ought soon to be self-supporting. The appropriation is $150.

3. *Hiawatha, Kansas.*—This is a new point taken up by the Board during the year. The prospect seemed so encouraging that the Board felt constrained to commission Rev. A. Bolliger, with an appropriation of $200 for the first year, in the hope that it will need aid only a short time. The congregation has recently purchased a church, and hopes to have it refitted and ready for dedication in the course of a few weeks. This being done there is reason to believe it will soon become self-supporting.

4. *Wathena, Kansas.*—This mission is now without a regular pastor, the Rev. J. A. Nicolai having left it during the course of the year. It is however supplied by Rev. A. Bollinger.

5. *Ravanna, Missouri*—The Rev. J. H. Schlappig is the missionary at this point, and is laboring amid great self-denial, with an appropriation of only $100. He has many discouragements in his work, as the people do not seem to take the interest they should in his support and work. He has, however, been indefatigable in hunting up and visiting our people, scattered as they are in that section of the country.

6. *Erie, Michigan.*—This field was very much neglected, and, as a consequence, greatly scattered. What members were left determined, about a year ago, to make another and earnest effort, with the promise of $100 from the Board, which amount the St. Joseph Classis pledged itself to raise. Rev. R. Keller, a young man from the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, was called to take charge of it, and is doing a good work. With the continued blessing of God the field will soon become self-sustaining.

7. *Fostoria, Ohio.*—The Board, at the recommendation of the Tiffin Classis, which obligated itself for the funds, commissioned Rev. A. Casselman as missionary at this point, with an appropriation of $100, upon the condition that a congregation be organized in the town of Fostoria, and a church built or bought. Two other points, with a membership of about eighty, are connected with this mission. The prospect now is that the enterprise will be a success, and the mission become self-supporting in a short time.

8. *Somerset, Ohio.*—This mission is in the bounds of the Lancaster Classis, and is served by Rev. M. Loucks, with an appropriation of $300. All attempts to make this point self-sustaining by a reconstruction of adjacent charges has so far failed. This mission is an important one, and should receive the fostering care of the Church.

9. *The Jerusalem Mission.*—This mission is also within the bounds of the Lancaster Classis, and is served by Rev. J. W. Barber, with an appropriation of $250. It consists of three congregations, which will hardly soon be self-sustaining, unless strengthened by some adjoining congregation.

The Board received an overture from the Board of Church Erection, shortly after the beginning of the last year, to employ a Financial Secretary in common, according to the action of Synod, and acceded to the overture. Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D , was appointed, but declined. No further appointment was made.

From the above it will be seen that *something* has been done during the year in the line of missionary effort. Would that much more had been done. But let us not despise the day of small things, but try to do better in the future.

There are many other points that should be taken up. The field is white for the harvest.

For a full statement of the finances of the Board, we refer the Synod to the report of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President.*

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2. *Report of Treasurer of Home Missions.*

REV. LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Moneys received during the Synodical year ending May 8, 1878.

1877.	DR.
Rev. S. F. Hershey	$8 92
Denver Reformed Congregation, per Rev. J. A. Keller	5 25
Shenandoah Charge, per Rev. J. V. Lerch	9 54
Sabbath School Convention of East. Ohio Classis, per H. N. Lynn	16 90
Germantown Congregation, per Rev. P. C. Prugh	8 10
Salem Reformed Church, per Rev. W. J. Peters	17 00
White Pigeon Charge, per Rev. E. R. Williard	5 00
Eastern Ohio Classis, per Rev. E. H. Otting	14 17
St. Michael's Congregation, per Rev. J. Michael	6 00
Second Reformed Church, Tiffin, per Dr. H. Rust	80 00
Heidelberg Charge, per Rev. S. Ream	8 53
Bascom Congregation, per Dr. J. H. Good	18 00
Female Missionary Society of Bascom Cong., per Dr. J. H. Good	10 00
Rev. J. V. Lerch	5 00
Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D.	31 50
Mt. Zion Charge, per Rev. D. Winters, D. D.	52 00
St. Jacob's Congregation, per Rev. J. H. Good, D. D.	4 44
Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D.	2 00
Fostoria Charge, per Rev. A. Casselman	16 75
Fostoria Sabbath Schools, per Rev. A. Casselman	5 25
Sabbath School of Springboro Charge, per Rev. R. B. Reichard	15 00
St. Paul's and St. Peter's Congregations, per Rev. G. W. Henning	5 00
Robertsville Congregation, per Rev. J. J. Leberman	8 00
Mt. Carmel Charge, per Rev. A. Hawker	8 00
First Reformed Church, Dayton, per W. Kefauver, Treasurer	25 00
Mohican Charge, Christ's Church, per Rev. H. H. Sandoe	5 45
Mohican Charge Sabbath School, per Rev. H. H. Sandoe	3 52
Miamisburg Congregation, per Rev. Wm. McCaughey	11 73
Pulaski Charge, per Rev. J. R. Skinner	24 59
Goshen Charge, per Rev. W. H. Ziegler	15 00
Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D.	24 00
Carried over,	$368 64

Brought forward	$368 64
Rev. R. B. Reichard	4 27
Columbiana Charge, per Rev. J. M. Kendig	32 50
Xenia Congregation, per Rev. S. B. Yockey	15 75
Salem Congregation, per Rev. J. Weaver	2 50
Bloomville Congregation, per Rev. S. Shaw	29 00
Denver Congregation, per Rev. J. A. Keller	11 35
Denver Sabbath School, per Rev. J. A. Keller	2 80
Shenandoah Charge, per Rev. J. V. Lerch	10 90
Grand Prairie Congregation, per Rev. E. Richards	3 33
Sabbath School First Ref. Ch., Dayton, O., per D K. Hassler, Treas	11 00
Orrville Charge, per Rev. F. Strassner	6 00
Brown County, Kansas, Mission, per Rev. E. Richards	6 63
Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D	31 50
Zion's Congregation, per Rev. W. J. Peters	16 38
First Reformed Church, Tiffin, per Rev. L. H Kefauver	75 00
Four Mile Congregation, per Rev. J. Richards	9 22
Wm. E. Schmertz, per Dr. G. W. Williard	25 00
Fort Seneca Charge, per Dr. G. W. Williard	15 00
Fruth and Van Buren Congregations, per Rev. A. Konetzka	9 00
Orrville Reformed Sabbath School, per Rev. F. Strassner	14 82
Germantown Congregation, per Rev. P. C. Prugh	8 60
Louisville Congregation, per Rev. J. J. Leberman	7 05
Sabbath School First Ref. Church, Dayton, per D. K. Hassler, Treas	20 00
Fort Seneca Charge, per Dr. G. W. Williard	7 00
Sabbath Schools of Mt. Zion Charge, per Dr. D Winters	15 00
Orangeville Charge, per Rev. F. W. Stump	2 00
Polk Congregation, per Rev. J. V. Lerch	4 00
Beaver Congregation, per Rev. S. B. Yockey	15 00
Beaver Congregation Sabbath School, per Rev. S. B. Yockey	10 00
Paris Congregation, per Rev. J. J. Leberman	4 50
Rev. L. Grosenbaugh, Treasurer of St. Joseph Classis	25 00
Timothy Congregation, New Madison Charge, per J. Karn	11 20
Hiawatha Mission, per Rev. A. Bolliger	3 30
Louisville Congregation, per Rev. J. J. Leberman	4 50
West Alexandria Charge, per A. H. Baughman	12 78
Warren Charge, per Rev. E. H. Otting	7 50
Springboro Congregation, per John Siegfried	15 00
Three Rivers Congregation, per Rev. L. Grosenbaugh	5 50
White Pigeon Charge, per Rev. L. Grosenbaugh	5 00
Mt. Olivet Charge, per Rev. H. Hilbish	12 00
Columbiana Congregation, per Rev. J. M. Kendig	5 75
Columbiana Congregation Sabbath School, per Rev. J. M. Kendig	6 75
Salem Reformed Congregation, per Licentiate J. P. Moore	5 50
New Lisbon Charge, per Rev. J. T. Hale	9 90
Jefferson Charge, per Rev. F. F. Christine	6 00
Zion's Congregation, New Madison Charge, per Rev. J. Steiner	10 40
Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D	31 50
Sabbath School of Germantown Charge, per Rev. P. C. Prugh	1 35
Bunker Hill Charge, per Rev. J. R. Skinner	41
Sabbath School of Xenia Congregation, per Rev. S. B Yockey	12 00
Shenandoah Charge, per Rev. J. V. Lerch	10 46
Zion's Charge, per Rev. W. H. Ziegler	10 00
Sabbath School of Swander Congregation, per James Swander	2 79
Fostoria Charge, per Amos Casselman	4 00
Erie Charge, per Rev. R. Keller	5 00
Lancaster Classis, per Rev. S. P. Mauger, Treas	485 04
	$1603 37

CONTRA.

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Balance due Treasurer on last settlement	$155 51
By cash to the widow of Rev. H. Williard	100 00
" Rev. J. A. Keller	119 90
" " Em. Richards	164 90
" " P. C. Prugh	206 08
" " A. Bolliger	144 30
" " R. B. Reichard	59 27
" " J. V. Lerch	47 90
" " J. Schlappig	38 50
" " W. H. Ziegler	23 92
" " A. Casselman	60 60
" " Em. Shultz	12 00
" " J. A. Nicolai	10 00
" " J. M. Kendig, traveling expenses	9 00
" Bloomville Mission	29 00
By cash refunded to Board of Church Erection	30 71
By cash to Rev. Reuben Keller	65 50
By interest on money borrowed	7 50
By postage, stationery, etc	2 95
To Missionaries of Lancaster Classis	485 04
	$1772 64
Balance due Treasurer	169 27
Total indebtedness	1928 36

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

P. S.—Tuscarawas Classis raised and paid, through its Board of Missions, to missionaries within its own bounds, $150.00.

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3. *Report of Board of Church Erection.*

The Board of Church Erection would respectfully submit the following report:

Soon after the last annual meeting of Synod the members of said Board met, and, after duly organizing by the election of their officer, proceeded to attend to such business as claimed their attention.

General Superintendent.

The Rev. H. M. Herman was appointed to represent this Board in a meeting of the Board of Missions, to be held in the city of Tiffin, to take action upon Synod's resolution, referring the matter of the appointment of a General Superintendent to the two Boards. At said meeting Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., was appointed as Gen-

eral Financial Secretary; but, upon being notified of his appointment, declined to accept.

Hamilton Church.

According to the instruction of Synod, the Board executed two notes to the Trustees of Heidelberg College—one for $1,200, on principle, and one for $473, on interest. These being duly accepted by said Trustees, the mortgage was released.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer of the Board, was appointed to visit Hamilton and make a final settlement, by lifting all other notes held against said church, and he reported:

1. That he paid the $49 due Rev. George Z. Mechling, as per agreement.

2. That he found four notes, amounting in the aggregate to $5,350.66, against the church, three of which were held by Nathan Jacoby, and the other one by the Rev. George Z Mechling. These were all secured by mortgage.

3. That he had these mortgages all released in due form, on the records in the Recorder's Office of Butler County, Ohio.

The following is a copy of the release of the above notes:

"WHEREAS, The Ohio Synod, during its annual sessions at Orrville, Ohio, in May, A. D. 1877, in view of the balance of debt still resting on the Reformed Church in Hamilton, authorized the officers of the Board of Church Erection to execute a note, or notes, to the Trustees of Heidelberg College, for the amount due said Trustees, together with the interest accrued thereon, in lieu of certain notes given by us to said Trustees, and secured by mortgage on the property of said church; and,

"WHEREAS, The said Board of Church Erection has complied with the conditions required in and by the said proposition and agreement;

"Therefore, we, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge the receipt of $2,000, being the stipulated amount for which the said Ohio Synod had obligated itself to the Reformed Church at Hamilton, Ohio. We do also hereby annul and relinquish all our claims on interest in, and demands against said Reformed Church, either by account, note or mortgage; and also release the said Synod and the said Board of Church Erection from all obligations, liabilities, and responsibility in the premises.

"NATHAN JACOBY,
"G. Z. MECHLING.

"HAMILTON, OHIO, *August* 28, A. D. 1877."

From all this it will be seen that the Reformed Church at Hamilton is now free from all debts and incumbrances.

The assessment made on the several Classes at the last meeting of Synod, in regard to the indebtedness of the Board, we are happy to say has all been paid.

Greenville Church.

The Board has been able to do but little or nothing for this church during the year. No subscriptions have been taken and added to those given in its interest last year. Although its condition is regarded by the Board as being somewhat critical, yet it has not been entirely abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *President*

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4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church.*

1877.		DR.
May 11	To money borrowed of Geo. B. Unger	$50 00
Aug. 27	" Synod's apportionment of East. Ohio Classis, per Treas.	5 70
Aug. 29	" " " " Tiffin Classis, per Treasurer	5 70
Sept. 5	" Collection from Fort Seneca Charge, per Rev. Dr. G. W. W.	35 00
Sept. 7	" Synod's apportionment of St. John's Classis, per Treas.	2 65
Oct. 4	" " " " Tuscarawas Classis, per Treas.	5 70
Oct. 20	" " " " N. Illinois Classis, per Treas.	90
1878.		
Feb. 20	" Col'tion from Columbiana Charge, per Rev. J. M. Kendig	7 50
April 15	" Synod's apportionment of Lancaster Classis, per Treas.	5 70
April 17	" " " " Cincinnati Classis, per Treas.	1 75
April 24	" " " " St. Joseph Classis, per Treas.	2 65
May 8	" Collection from First Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio	10 00
		$133 25

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1877.		CR.
May 23	By balance due the Treasurer	$4 35
Aug. 28	" cash to Rev. G. Z. Mechling, in full of claim	49 00
"	" cash to release mortgages on Hamilton Church	50
"	" traveling expenses to Hamilton, Ohio	70
Sept. 5	" cash to Dr. G. W. Williard, interest on his $300 note	35 00
Oct. 5	" cash to Rev. Jos. A. Keller for Denver Church	10 00
May 8	" stationery and postage	1 20
"	" balance in the treasury	32 50
		$133 25

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report the following:

The documents coming into the hands of your Committee were the following: The Report of the Board of Missions; Report of the Treasurer of Missions; the Report of the Board of Church Erection, and that of its Treasurer.

We find, from the report of the Board of Missions, that no new points or interests have been taken under the care of the Board, and this has not been because there are no promising openings, but manifestly on account of the lack of means. However, it is apparent that the missions have been sustained during the year, and some have been placed upon a better foundation, while others have somewhat retrograded. A pleasing part of the work is manifest in the increased gifts of the people for this work, so that the debt of the Board has been reduced.

The Board of Church Erection, whilst it has been enabled to remove the troubles from the Hamilton Church, has done little or nothing in any other direction. These two Boards, in accordance with the authority given by Synod at Orrville, endeavored to secure a Financial Agent to labor in the interest of the two Boards, but have failed to secure a man. Whilst required by the Synod that all missions be placed under Synod's Board, there are some Classical Boards still laboring independently of Synod's Board.

From these reports your Committee has been impressed with the following truths, viz: That the missionary activity of this Synod is not what it should be by far; that the labors or efforts in this direction are inadequate to meet the demands, and the voice of the *children even* in the great West, crying out for spiritual food, dies away and brings no olive branch of peace. This is the most important feature in our Church-life at present; yet no resolution of your Committee will bring the requisite means to carry on this glorious work to completion.

To successfully plant and occupy prominent mission points, your Committee feels the imperative need of an agent or superintendent whose whole time shall be given to the Missionary and Church Erection work; and we feel that until this is accomplished our mission interests will drag along as a wounded life. We therefore recommend:

1. That this Synod elect such an agent or superintendent.

2 That all Classical Boards be requested to work through Synod's Board.

3. That the pastors and elders go back to their fields of labor and present the mission cause as the most important feature in our Church activity at present.

4. That, with respect to the Board of Missions just elected, this Synod declare the first two elected for three years; second two for two years, and the last one for one year; and that hereafter the Board consist of six members, and that two be annually elected.

AUSTIN HENRY, *Chairman.*

On motion, the following action in regard to mission work and missionary services was adopted:

Resolved, That the consideration of the mission work of the Ohio Synod be fixed as the order of the day for Friday afternoon of the next annual sessions of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions be requested to prepare a programme for missionary services on Saturday evening, during the next annual meeting of Synod.

III. Election of Board of Home Missions.

Member whose term expires October, 1879.

Elder Robert Bell.

Members whose term expires October, 1880.

Rev. Theodore J. Bacher, Rev. Henry Hilbish.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev John M. Kendig, Rev. John J. Leberman.

IV. Election of Board of Church Erection.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Peter C. Prugh.
" Samuel B. Yockey. " Henry M. Herman.
Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

V. Election of Missionary Superintendent.

The subject of the election of a General Missionary Superintendent, to which reference is made in item 4 of the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes, was made the order of the day for Monday evening at the opening of the Synod. At the appointed time, the Synod proceeded with the election by ballot. Revs. Austin Henry and Wm. H. Ziegler were appointed tellers. The election resulted in the choice of Rev. John M. Kendig, and, on motion, his election was declared unanimous. Then, after a season of prayer, on motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the salary of the General Missionary Superintendent shall be eight hundred dollars per annum, and his traveling expenses paid.

Resolved, That the year of the Superintendent shall commence no later than the first of September, and that one-fourth of his salary be paid at the time of his entering upon the duties of his office.

VI. Sundry Mission and Church Erection Matters.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the subject of interest due on certain notes, held by the Trustees of Heidelberg College against the Synod's Board of Church Erection, arising from a final settlement with the Reformed Church of Hamilton, Ohio, be referred to a Special Committee to devise some plan for its payment.

The Committee, consisting of Revs. Peter C. Prugh, Lewis H. Kefauver, and Elder Andrew H. Baughman, subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of interest due Heidelberg College from the Board of Church Erection would report that, after carefully considering the whole subject, we would offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That this whole subject be referred to the Board of Church Erection, with instruction that they proceed to pay the interest by any means, which they may devise, as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

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Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

On motion, the subjoined action was adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That this Synod directs the attention of the Board of Church Erection to the indebtedness of the St. Paul's Reformed Church at Greenville, Ohio, and that, if it be deemed advisable by them, they be instructed to proceed to inaugurate at once some plan for its liquidation.

The Cincinnati Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes in item 9, during the afternoon session on the third day of the sessions, requested Synod to permit it to have its own missionary board. In regard to this request, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That this Synod can not consistently grant the request, but that we hereby instruct the Board of Missions to allow the missionary committee of Cincinnati Classis to use all missionary funds raised by that Classis within its own bounds.

The Tuscarawas Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes in item 22, during Friday afternoon session, refused to reconsider its previous action respecting the apportionment of the indebtedness of the Board of Missions. With respect to this matter, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That said Classis be respectfully requested to reconsider its action in regard to the indebtedness of the Board of Missions, and acquiesce with reference to the apportionment then made for the cause of Missions.

The Tuscarawas and Iowa Classes, as reported in item 24 by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, during Saturday afternoon session, refused to dissolve their respective missionary boards. Concerning this, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That this subject be referred back to these Classes for reconsideration, and that they be affectionately requested to accede to the wishes of Synod.

The Iowa Classis, as reported in item 32 by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, declined to bring its Missions under the care of Synod's Board. Respecting this, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the request of Synod to Iowa Classis be renewed.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. The Annual Reports.

The following reports were regularly received and referred:

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary submit the following report:

After the meeting of Synod at Orrville, Ohio, the Board organized by the election of Rev. David Winters, D. D., President; Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, Secretary; and Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer.

The Synod will give attention to the vacancies occurring in the Board: Rev. Dr. D. Winters and G. G. Prugh, whose time expires with this Synod.

As to financial matters, the Treasurer will give a satifactory report. He has been very efficient in collecting funds to meet the professors' salaries; and yet some endowment notes have been lost by insolvency of the debtors, and settlement of estates, wherein the parties were ignorant of the existence of the obligations, and the Treasurer of the circumstances.

The Treasurer's report, herewith presented, will more fully explain.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WINTERS, *President.*

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2. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board.*

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer, in Account with the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church at Tiffin, Ohio.*

Moneys received during the Synodical Year ending May 8, 1878.

1877.			DR.
May	23	To balance in the Treasury	$306 49
June	22	John T. Blain, Columbus, O., on note per H. L.	10 00
	25	Daniel Wampler, Massillon, O., interest on note	3 00
July	7	Dr. D. Winters, Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	24 00
		Dr. D. Winters, Dayton, O., interest on note	3 00
	18	Samuel Crist, Royalton, O., interest on note	6 00
	26	Daniel Frantz, Dakota, Ill., interest on note	9 00
		Samuel Schmidt, Dakota, Ill., interest on note	6 00
		Carried over,	$367 49

1877		Brought forward	$367 49
Aug.	1	Gideon G. Prugh, Dayton, O., interest on note	6 00
	15	Rev. F. W. Berleman, Millville, O., interest on note	1 50
		William Huber, Reiley, O., interest on note	1 50
	29	John Royer, Flat Rock, O., interest on note	12 00
Sept.	12	Thos. L Prugh, Dayton, O., interest on note	1 50
	17	John Strock, Shelby, O., interest on note	6 00
	28	Dr. J. H. Good, Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	19 10
Oct.	1	Jacob Urschel, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	20 00
	18	Abel Peterson, N. Burlington, O., interest on note	3 00
	25	Samuel Hetrick, Ada, O., interest on note	3 00
		Catherine Klingler, Ada, O., interest on note	3 00
		Jacob Schifferly, Bluffton, O., interest on note	3 00
		Farmers' F. M. Co, Dayton, O., interest on note	80 00
Nov.	1	Mrs. Mary A. Winters, Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	48 00
		D. W. Winters & Bro, Dayton, O, interest on money borrowed	52 00
		N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	200 00
		Dayton City Bonds, semi-annual interest	280 00
		Montgomery County Bonds, semi-annual interest	41 00
	9	Rev. H. Williard, deceased, per Mrs. W., interest in full on note	25 00
Dec.	8	George Bair, Astoria, Ill., interest on note	1 50
	18	Amos Bricker, Astoria, Ill, interest on note	1 50
1878.			
Jan.	14	Samuel Moyer, Ridott, Ill., interest on note	12 00
		Albert Albright, Shuey's Mills, Wis., interest on note	6 00
		Catherine Glass, Foreston, Ill., interest on note	12 00
		John Zollinger, Foreston, Ill., interest on note	48 00
		John Moyer, Foreston, Ill., interest on note	12 00
		Ernest Flota, Foreston, Ill., interest on note	24 00
	18	Christ. Zundahl, Foreston, Ill., interest on note	85 00
		Christ. Paul, Foreston, Ill., interest on note	9 00
		Leonard Hoover's estate, Massillon, O., interest on note	285 25
	22	J. J. Schaublin, Bluffton, O., interest on note	9 00
	24	Mast & Albert, Murray, Ind., interest on note	3 90
		Levi Kiester, Rock Grove, Ill., interest on note	3 00
		Jacob Sullivan, Rock Grove, Ill., interest on note	3 00
	25	Jacob Swope, Astoria, Ill., interest on note	1 50
Feb.	7	Henry Smith, Astoria, Ill., interest on note	4 50
	9	Geo. Spitler, Erie, Mich., interest on note	5 00
	19	Jas. A. Shorb, per wife, Masillon, O., interest on note	5 00
	25	Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst, Columbus, Neb., interest in full	1 00
March	11	Samuel K. Epler, Lasalle, Mich., interest on note	3 00
	18	U. Toggenburger, Bluffton, O., interest on note	8 00
	21	Geo. F. Medlar, Miamisburg, O, interest on note	3 00
April	1	Jacob Gephart, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	1 50
		Leonard Hoover's estate, Massillon, O., interest on note	9 34
	2	Henry Leonard, Basil, O., interest on note	9 12
	11	Dr. D. Winters, Dayton, O., interest on note	6 00
		Dr. D. Winters, Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	24 00
	12	Jacob Briner, Shelby, O., interest on note	1 50
	16	John Weiser, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	16 00
		James A. Shorb, per wife, Massillon, O., interest on note	4 00
	20	John Siegfried, Springboro, O., interest on note	1 50
	22	Chas. B. Reber, Wales, Ill., interest on note	24 00
		Carried over,	$1816 20

1878		Brought forward	$1816 20
April	25	Jacob Urschel, Miamisburg, interest on note	20 00
May	1	N. L. Brewer, Esq , Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	200 00
		Farmers' F. M. Co., Dayton, O., interest on note	80 00
		Dayton City Bonds, semi-annual interest	280 00
		Montgomery County Bonds, semi-annual interest	41 00
	8	D. W. Winters & Bro , Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	52 00
		First Reformed Church, Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	28 00
		Dr. S. B. Leiter, Wadsworth, O., interest on note	6 00
		John Strock, Shelby, O., interest on note	8 00
		S. G. Fought, Ada, O., interest on note	9 75
			$2535 95

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Moneys paid out during the Synodical Year ending May 8, 1878.

	CR.
Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., on salary in full to May 1, 1878	$900 00
Rev. H. Rust, D. D., on salary in full to May 1, 1878	900 00
For seal of Trustees to James Murdock, Jr., Cincinnati	7 50
For 500 blank receipts for Treasurer	2 00
Cash for recording mortgage of Detrich Glander	1 50
Cash to H. Leonard, agent, as salary for services rendered	47 12
Cash for recording mortgage of Charles Miller	1 15
To Treasurer on salary, per order, to May 1, 1878	100 00
For 100 catalogues of College and Theological Seminary, 1878	10 00
Charges on bank drafts, postal orders, express, etc	4 15
For stationery, postage, etc	12 00
Balance in the Treasury May 8, 1878	550 88
	$2535 95

ENDOWMENT FUND.

			DR.
1877.			
May	23	To balance in the Treasury	$120 47
Sept.	5	To cash on note in full of Rev. Henry Williard, deceased	100 00
	28	" " two notes in full of Rev. J. H. Good, D. D.	400 00
1878.			
Jan.	18	To cash on note of Leonard Hoover, deceased, per S. Krider, administrator	77 25
Feb.	25	To cash on note in full of Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst	10 00
March	13	" " " " Ulrich Toggenburger	25 00
April	1	" " " of Leonard Hoover, deceased, per S. Krider, administrator	353 16
	2	To cash on note in full of Henry Leonard	38 00
	8	" " " " Catherine Glass, per D. Fager	100 00
	9	" " " " John Weiser	600 00
			$1823 88

FUNDS INVESTED.

			CR.
1877.			
Dec.	11	John Weiser on collateral security	$600 00
1878.			
April	9	Charles Miller on mortgage security	1200 00
May	8	By balance in the Treasury	23 88
			$1823 88

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H *asurer.*

3. *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary would report that they have attended to the interest committed to their care, both as it respects the Seminary itself, and the cause of Beneficiary Education. We had meetings as often as the necessity demanded.

The following students have been in attendance during the year, viz:

Senior Class.—Daniel J. Greenawald, William F. Horstmeier, Jacob Ihle, Silas B. Mase, Jairus P. Moore, Robert F. Oplinger, and James H. Steele.—7.

Junior Class.—John J. M. Gruber, Anson L. Hassler, Nevin W. A. Helfrisch, and John B. Rust.—4.

From this it will be seen that the number of students in our Theological Seminary is considerably smaller than it was last year, a fact which we notice to be true and painfully felt by most of the theological schools of the land. Why there is such a decrease in the candidates for the ministry may not be so readily accounted for. But let the cause or causes be what they may, the fact should be deplored and earnest efforts made to remedy the evil. Seeing the vast missionary field that opens up before us, and the need there is of dividing many of our large pastoral charges, this Synod should do all in its power to increase the number of students in our school of the prophets.

Of the students named above only two have had recitations in the College. The rest have given their whole time to their theological studies.

The whole Senior Class expects to leave with the close of the present year, having gone over the prescribed course of study. Some of them, having only been in the Seminary about a year and a half, have had to double their studies so as to complete the course. This hurry in finishing the prescribed course of study ought soon to come to an end, both for the good of the young men and the Church.

Mr. Robert F. Oplinger having received an urgent call to the Mt. Zion's Charge of the Illinois Classis, and it appearing very desirable that he should accept the same, the Board granted him a dismissal under the peculiar circumstances of the case.

The suspension passed upon Mr. Daniel J. Greenawald, two years ago, was removed and he restored to his place in the Seminary, in view of his uniformly good conduct and Christian deportment.

The Board, in accordance with the action of Synod, resolved to have graduating exercises in the Seminary at the close of the term when the young men leave, and committed the preliminary arrangements to the professors. The professors report the progress and conduct of the students as commendable.

The Board regrets to report the receipt of a comparatively small amount for Beneficiary Education. The number of students receiving aid during the year was small, and yet the debt reported last year is not fully paid. This failure to meet the appropriations as they become due has a very bad effect upon the young men, and, no doubt, deters some who are worthy from making application.

The following young men have received aid during the year, viz: Jacob Ihle, Robert F. Oplinger, Jacob B. Kerstetter, Rufus C. Zartman, and W. F. Harpster. Of this number, Jacob Ihle and W. F. Harpster received aid from the American College and Education Society. Mr. W. F. Harpster having in the early part of the year abandoned his purpose to study for the ministry, his name was erased from the list of beneficiary students, and he required to give his obligation for the money received.

The report of the Treasurer will show the Synod what has been received for this specific purpose during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President.*

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4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

REUBEN GOOD, *Treasurer, in Account with the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church.*

To moneys received during the Synodical Year ending May 8, 1878.

1877.		DR.	
May 18	To balance in the Treasury		$ 31 95
	Amount refunded		10 00
	Miami Classis.		
	Dr. D. Winters, Mt. Zion's Charge	$ 25 00	
	Rev. S. B. Yockey, Xenia "	27 00	
	" H. Shaull, Union "	9 81	
	" Wm. McCaughey, Miamisburg Charge	10 65	
	" A. Hawker, Mt. Carmel "	9 27	
	" J. Weaver, Salem "	2 50	
	" P. C. Prugh, Germantown Sunday-school	1 40	
			85 63
	Lancaster Classis.		
	Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil	25 00	
	" C. W. Hoyman, [illegible]	24 65	
	" S. P. Mauger, [illegible] sis	84 00	
			133 65

Tiffin Classis.

Dr. G. W. Williard, Fort Seneca	12 50	
Rev. A. Casselman, Fostoria	6 00	
" S. Ream	4 60	
" J. P. Moore, Salem	6 70	
" J. H. Stepler	2 00	
Dr. J. H. Good, Bascom	8 00	
		39 80

Eastern Ohio.

Rev. E. H. Otting, Warren	7 50	
" J. J. Leberman, Louisville	6 00	
" J. M. Kendig, Treasurer of Classis	33 25	
		46 75

St. Joseph Classis.

Rev. J. R. Skinner, Bunker Hill		18 45

Sundry Sources.

Rev. S. P. Myers, Anna Charge, Ill	5 40	
" D. J. Meese, Sandusky	2 00	
" J. V. Lerch	11 85	
Sundry Persons	6 93	
Mrs. Ashbaugh and daughter	10 00	
W. E. Schmertz	25 00	
Rev. F. Strassner	12 40	
Mr. John Balliet	4 90	
Rev. C. Baum	5 00	
" J. A. Keller, Denver City	6 50	
" J. A. Novinger	10 00	
		99 98

1878. May 8	To balance of a loan of $417.86 borrowed June 18, 1877		192 86
			659 07

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1877. May 18	Amount of indebtedness paid Boarding Hall	367 86	
	Postage	2 00	
	Amount paid Beneficiaries as per Vouchers	283 00	
	Balance in the Treasury May 8, 1878	6 21	
			659 07

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE BOARD.

Amount of Note unpaid	192 86	

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN GOOD, *Treasurer.*

Addenda.	To amount received from Tuscarawas Classis	$442 60
	Amount paid by said Classis to Beneficiaries	442 60

II. Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary would respectfully submit the following report:

The papers placed in our hands are the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and also of its Treasurer; the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary; the report of the Treasurer of Beneficiary Education; and a report of the Board of Beneficiary Education of Tuscarawas Classis, from which it appears that this Classis appropriated and paid $442.60 in supporting, as beneficiary students, Edward D. Wettach, Milton F. Frank, Anson L. Hassler, and Robert F. Oplinger.

After a careful examination of these reports, the Committee would offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That the reports be adopted.

Resolved, That the attention of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary be called to the necessity of requiring the students to remain at the Institution the full length of time required by Synod,

Resolved, That with full confidence in our Theological Seminary we hereby again pledge the Church to its hearty support, (*a*) with well qualified students, (*b*) with funds fully commensurate to sustain the Board of Beneficiary Education.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Boards of Theological Seminary.

1. Board of Trustees.

Members whose term expires October, 1879.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires October, 1880.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Henry M. Herman.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. David Winters, D. D. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

2. Board of Visitors.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver. Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D.
" Sebastian C. Goss. " Henry Hilbish.
" Reuben [illegible] " John Bachman.
Michael Loucks.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

I. The Annual Reports.

The following reports were regularly received and referred:

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The undersigned would present the following report of Heidelberg College to the Synod of Ohio, in behalf of the Board of Trustees, according to the requirement in the case. And, in doing so, we do not deem an extended report necessary, inasmuch as nothing of any special importance has occurred during the year. Everything has moved on quietly as in former years. The attendance has been larger than it was last year, as will be seen by the catalogue, a copy of which is placed in the hands of Synod. There have been but few cases of discipline, the conduct of the students having, upon the whole, been commendable, and free from such gross improprieties as have afflicted some of the colleges of the land. The professors have all been at their posts, except Prof. C. Hornung, who obtained leave of absence for one year so as to regain his health. He is expected to resume his position again next September. His place has in the meantime been filled temporarily, with satisfaction, by Prof. Wm. P. Cope, A. M.

The pressure of the times, together with the large number of colleges in the State, have operated somewhat against the attendance in all. As we, however, number about a dozen more students this than last year, we do not feel disposed to complain.

Our present Senior Class numbers twelve regular members, all of whom look forward to graduation at the coming Commencement, which we desire to make one of special interest.

The college was represented in the late oratorical contest which was held in Tiffin on the tenth of April. We had an orator and essayist in the contest, and are pleased to say that Miss Della A. Dunnel took the second prize in composition. This is our second prize since these contests were inaugurated some four years ago, and may be regarded as furnishing a fair index of the standing of Heidelberg College along by the side of other colleges of the State.

The expense of running the college for the year 1876–77, includ-

ing salary of professors and agent, taxes, insurance, repairs on building, and the many incidental matters, was $6,475.67. This may be regarded as about the average annual expense, which we think is much less than that of any other institution of similar character and standing. This amount we found it impossible to make up in full, in consequence of the failure of certain parties to pay the interest on money borrowed. This led the Board to be more urgent in demanding the interest on its investments, and to force collections in the case of those who failed to come to time. By pursuing this course we hope, by the end of the present year, to pay the greater part, if not the whole of the debt of the Board. To do this we would be glad if the Synod would in some way make provisions, at its present meeting, that the Board of Church Erection may pay the interest now due, which is over $500, on money borrowed of the college to pay the debt on the Hamilton Church, and which the Synod indorsed one year ago. There is also interest due the college from the Church of the Cross, Cincinnati, to the amount of about $700, which ought to be paid, as the want of it is embarrassing the Board.

The endowment of the college has been increased during the year, in the amount of $3,380 in notes secured by the Agent and President of the college. This, considering the stringency of the times, is very encouraging, and may be regarded as indications of the favor in which the college is held.

The agent, H. Leonard, has been indefatigable in his work of increasing the endowment and collecting outstanding dues. We do not, indeed, see how we could get along without his services, as it is indispensably necessary for some one to go through the Church and collect the interest of those who are not prompt in the payment of it. The notes, being scattered as they are, would require more time to collect the interest than any one connected with the college could possibly give, so that the Church owes him a debt of gratitude for his persevering and self-denying labors.

As some persons have supposed that he is getting a large salary, and benefiting himself financially by his agency, we will give the exact amount he has received each year for the last nine years, which has been named according to the time given to the work: For the year 1868–69 he received $600; for 1869–70, $650; for 1870–71, $525; for 1871–72, $500; for 1872–73, $150; for 1873–74, $550; for 1874–75, $200; for 1875–76, $125; for 1876–77, $200. This whole

amount, with the exception of $485.48 has been paid out of the incidental fund, leaving the endowment proper almost entirely intact, even by the salary of the agent.

The Board would gratefully acknowledge the bequest of $500 to the college by Jacob Thomas, of Springfield, Ohio, an estimable member of the Church, who died a little over a year ago. The bequest was entirely voluntary, as none of his children knew of his intention in this respect until the will was opened and read. This amount the administrator expects to pay over as soon as the estate is in a shape to do so, which will probably be in the course of a few months. It should be a matter of gratitude to God on the part of Synod that such acts of liberality are becoming more numerous than they used to be; and we may fondly hope that the example here given may induce others, similarly situated, to do likewise in their last will and testament.

In the hope that the college may continue to enjoy the favor and patronage of the Church, and to subserve the end for which it was founded, we, the undersigned, respectfully submit this report in behalf of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President.*
NELSON L. BREWER, *Treasurer.*

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2. *Report of the Financial Agent.*

I have now entered upon my twenty-second year of our college and seminary pilgrimage. The past year has been a busy one for me. I must again repeat what I said in my last year's report, that is, my main efforts were directed in looking after delinquents. Not only have I visited many of these at their homes, but have also been busy in writing letters and sending circulars by mail, urging them to pay their interest due the college. So that during "vacation" and while at home I have been busy. And yet, with all these efforts, I have only succeeded in collecting on old notes and interest sixteen hundred and thirty-seven dollars during the year. But then, in addition to this, I have the pleasure to report that I have had unexpected good success in obtaining new subscriptions to the endowment fund, amounting to three thousand one hundred dollars; and two thousand seven hundred dollars of this amount was obtained in the pastoral charges of two of our young Heidelbergers, Revs. Sites

and Stump, in Stephenson County, Illinois. And, further, what is so encouraging about this is, that a number of these same contributors had given quite liberally to our theological seminary at Tiffin when Prof. Moses Kieffer, D. D., visited these people, in 1867, about nine years ago; and now welcomed the Fisherman with kindly greetings and a warm shake of the hand.

Although a number of these had never seen the Fisherman's face before, but now were glad to meet him; and then showed, by their liberality, that they appreciated the work in which I have been so long engaged.

This time I was agreeably disappointed, as I have never been before, and it was on this wise: I asked a Christian lady for a crumb of two dollars. "No," said she, "I thought I would give you three hundred dollars!" She said she had read so often about this that she felt she ought to do something too. A minister of the gospel, in whose family I am always welcome, said, "Bro. Leonard, I feel that I ought to do something for Tiffin. I will give you *one hundred dollars.*" And this he did without me soliciting him to give. The same might be said of a young brother, who is a graduate of Heidelberg, who gave in the same way So far then as I know, and am able to judge, I think I have never obtained the same amount in so short a space of time, and which was given more cheerfully than these several subscriptions. One brother in Ohio, who contributed fifty dollars before, now contributed two hundred and fifty dollars more.

I feel glad for several reasons. First, the people see that our institutions at Tiffin are worthy of support; secondly, that those very persons who gave so liberally are now served by young ministers who were educated at Tiffin, Ohio; and, thirdly, that I can feel assured that I have the good will and sympathy of the Church at large. One aged brother and his companion dedicated one thousand dollars to Heidelberg College.

ALLEGORICAL LECTURES.

Two years ago I had an allegorical painting executed by Mr. Broyls, an artist. I have been encouraged during the year by our own ministers and people, and invited to deliver my allegorical temperance lecture to large and respectable audiences in our own and other churches, and town halls. And it will be seen by my financial statement that the proceeds of these lectures amounted to one hun-

dred and fifty dollars and thirty-five cents, exceeding the amount of my traveling expenses of five dollars and eighty-five cents.

I have traveled during the year five thousand three hundred and twenty-one miles (5,321), and total miles traveled in all since the twenty-second day of January, 1857, seventy-eight thousand three hundred and twenty-one miles (78,321).

FINANCIAL REPORT.

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Contributions from "old folks,"		$73 00
"Crumbs" from the young people		57 85
Cash from the sale of "Buckeye" Photos		60 00
Received from Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer of Theological Seminary, for services rendered as Agent for Seminary		47 12
Net proceeds of my Allegorical Temperance Lecture		150 35
		$388 32
New Endowment Notes received during the year		3,100 00
Collections on old notes and interest		1,637 40
		$5,125 72
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Paid for traveling expenses	$144 50	
Postage and stationery	22 01	
Paid R. R. Carter, Artist, for Buckeye Photos	24 00	
Balance due the Agent (see Synod's report of last year, page 44)	8 25	
Handed over amount of old collections	1,637 40	
Handed over amount of new notes	3,100 00—	4,936 16
Balance		$189 56
Same applied on Agent's salary		189 56

Respectfully submitted,

May 8, 1878. HENRY LEONARD, *Agent.*

II. Report of Committee on Heidelberg College.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee have placed before them the reports of the College Board and of the Financial Agent.

From these we are led to refer, first, to the financial matters pertaining to the institution. The agent has continued his indefatigable efforts, and with usual success, notwithstanding the unfavorableness of the times. The sum of $3,380 has been added to the Endowment Fund. The expenses of the institution for the year

have been judicious and economical. To meet these has been a difficulty, owing to the non-payment of interest and dues from various quarters, which is indeed to be regretted. One bequest of $500, by Jacob Thomas, deceased, is with pleasure to be noted. This form of increasing the endowment is especially to be encouraged, with the conviction that the recognized value of the college is a sufficient inducement to such as are in a condition, and have the good will, to make it still more creditable and serviceable.

From the documents in hand we are led to refer, in the second place, to the educational success of the institution. There has been an increase of students over last year. The Faculty is full, and is earnestly engaged in the work in hand. Fewer cases of discipline have been necessary, whilst the deportment of the students is less a cause for complaint. The next graduating class numbers twelve members. The second prize in the collegiate State contest was accorded to one of the number. It would appear that the internal affairs, as well as the educational facilities of the college, are in a steady advance. Your Committee would recognize the fact that much is required of such an educational institution in our times, and recommend—

1. That Synod, in every possible way, encourage the greater efficiency of the college by an increase of funds by donations, bequests, and general liberality.

2. That it seek to enlarge its patronage by encouraging the attendance of students, so giving a wider range to its educational influence.

3. That it direct the attention of the College Board and of the Faculty to the claims of the college to a higher grade in its curriculum, more thoroughness than in the one maintained, and to advanced standards and appliances of the times in educational institutions.

We recommend the adoption of the reports read before this body having reference to the college.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL MEASE, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Boards of Heidelberg College.

1. Board of Trustees.

Members whose term expires October, 1879.

Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D.,
Rev. Herman Rust, D. D.,
Lewis Keller,
William E. Schmertz,
Louis Baltzell,
Lewis Shriver.

Members whose term expires October, 1880.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver,
Rev. Jer. H. Good, D. D.,
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq,
Hon. Thomas W. Chapman,
Upton F. Cramer, Esq.,
Geo. P. Williard, M. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. John Vogt,
Rev. Henry M. Herman,
Robert Bell,
John Weimer, M. D,
William L. Snyder,
William D. Platter.

Members whose term expires October, 1882

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.,
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss,
Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose,
Rev. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.,
Rev. David Winters, D. D.,
Rev. William McCaughey.

2. Board of Visitors.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.,
Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose,
Rev. Edward Herbruck,
Rev. Allen K. Zartman,
Charles W. Good.

IV. Respecting the Management of Heidelberg College.

The Lancaster Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes in item 5, during the morning session of the third day of the sessions, requested Synod, without giving any specifications, to investigate the management of Heidelberg College. Thereupon Synod adopted a certain action, which was subsequently reconsidered. Then, after several motions, and considerable discussion, the following action, as amended, was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod sees no ground for such action on the part of Lancaster Classis, and refers said action back to Lancaster Classis,

with instruction that if it has any suggestions to make they be made directly to the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, and be specific.

On the adoption of this resolution the yeas and nays were called, with the following result:

Yeas —Revs. D. Winters, D. D., W. McCaughey, W. A. Hale, J. Stuck, A. Hawker, G. H. Leonard, H. H. Sandoe, E. P. Herbruck, C. W. Good, J. H. Good, D. D., G. W. Williard, D. D., L. H. Kefauver, A. Casselman, J. Biery, J. T. Hale, F. F. Christine, E. R Williard, J. A. Keller.

Elders A. H. Baughman, D. Wilkins, J. Swander, J. Siegfried, I. Griest, D. B. Jones, J. Weimer, M. D., R. Bell, and F. Isely.—27.

Nays.—Revs. S. Mease, D. D., J. M. Le Fevre, J. C. Beade, R. B. Reichard, P. C. Prugh, D. R. Taylor, H. T. Spangler, S. P. Mauger, M. Loucks, J. W. Barber, F. C. Yost, J. V. Lerch, A. E. C. Baichly, L. Richter, J. M. Kendig, J. R. Skinner, R. Keller, M. F. Frank.

Elders G. F. Wentz and P. Brown.—20.

Non-Liquet.—Revs. S. B. Yockey, J. Steiner, and L. Rike.—3.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

I. Report of Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees of the Christian Aid Society, to which reference is made in the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes in item 5, under *g*, submitted during Saturday afternoon session the following report, which was received and adopted:

Synod's Board regret to report that little progress has been made during the year in its designed work. It is believed that the plans and details of the society, as contained in the constitution already published last year, are as simple, practical and benevolent as it is possible to have them at present.

The failure to accomplish more is due to the fact that no one was found to engage in the execution of the Board's work. Elder H. Leonard, designated by Synod as such agent, could not see his way clear to act in the matter. The Board are vet firmly of opinion the

association might and ought to become a fact, and of great material and benevolent service in the Church.

We would, therefore, suggest the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That Synod continue the Board of Christian Aid Sociey, requesting said Board to put the association into practical and working order, by securing a suitable person to organize societies, or by any means it may see fit to employ to accomplish its work.

In behalf of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD,
SAMUEL MEASE,
ANDREW H. BAUGHMAN.

II. ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D.,
Rev. John Bachman,
Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D.,
Mr. Lewis Keller,
Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.
Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I. REPORT OF BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Board of Sunday Schools submitted their report, which was received and referred, and is as follows:

The Board of Sunday Schools of the Ohio Synod would respectfully submit their third annual report:

The Board convened in the store-room of Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, Dayton, Ohio, June 14, 1877, and organized by the election of Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, and Rev. Henry M. Herman, *Secretary*, and held a subsequent meeting.

As we, as a Board, reported at length in our former annual reports the importance, condition and practical working of our Sunday-schools, we shall be brief at present.

We have received little information during the year respecting the real condition of our Sunday-schools, the methods of teaching

and government adopted, or the success attending the practical work. Hence the mind feels impressed with queries like these: In what relation do our Sunday-schools stand to the Church? What is the teaching as to competency and efficiency? How are teachers' meetings and Bible classes sustained? What attention is given to doctrinal teaching? In how many of our Sunday-schools is the catechism used? For, let it be borne in mind, while the Sunday-school, as a branch of Church-work, calls for thankfulness, it also demands the strictest Christian watchfulness in order to guard against error and to maintain "sound doctrine." As it holds a high rank among the molding forces and influences of the Church, all misdirection or error here is mischievous and dangerous, and calls for close and intelligent supervision of everything relating to its text-books, its methods, its literature, its hymnology, and the character and attainments of the teachers and superintendents. Indeed, we can not be too careful in inquiring who are teaching our children, and whether the Church is adopting the proper means to increase the competency of the teaching force and the efficiency of the schools.

In addition to this general statement we would direct the attention of the Synod to the following suggestions, believing them to be pertinent and worthy of consideration, and, if carried into practical effect, to work for good in promoting the character, efficiency, and usefulness of the Sunday-school:

1. A closer unity of our Sunday-schools with the Church and with each other in doctrine and worship.

2. A better attendance by the children and the young people on the services of the Church.

3. Increased attention to the acquisition of a higher and better grade of teaching, requiring an advance in the competency of the teachers.

4. There must be a more definite and intimate relation established between the Board of Sunday Schools and the Sunday-schools within the bounds of Synod, through some official channel, before the Board can attain to a proper position to render effectual service.

5. Our Sunday-school publications and lesson helps, aiming to furnish the best aids to all grades in our schools, should be introduced and used in all our schools.

6. And with the view of providing for regular instruction in the doctrines of the Reformed Church, the catechism ought to have by all means a place in the curriculum of Sunday-school instruction.

The Board has deemed it best not to propose any special topics for discussion at this Synodical meeting; but, in accordance with the action of the last Synod, they have arranged with Rev. Jer. H. Good, D. D , to preach a sermon on *the training of the young*, on Friday evening (May 10), during the present sessions of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *President.*

II. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Standing Committee on Sunday Schools and Catechisation submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the report of the Board, adopted:

The Standing Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave respectfully to report.

The annual report of the Board of Sunday Schools has been received and carefully considered. We recommend that it be adopted, that the thanks of Synod be returned to the Board for its labors, and that its recommendations be commended to the consideration of the Classes and the ministers of the Church.

The Sunday-school cause is one that should powerfully challenge the attention of the whole Church. In these United States, according to reports made to the General Sunday School Convention, just held at Atlanta, there are 77,793 Sunday-schools, 853,100 Sunday-school teachers and instructors, and 6,504,054 Sunday-school scholars. This certainly is, or at least ought to be, one of the most powerful agencies of the age. How to use this agency aright, how to place it upon its true basis, how to carry it forward in the best way, how to understand and reach its proper end and design, this is the problem that lies before us.

Your Committee believe that the solution of the problem lies to a great extent in the recognition of the fact that the Catechetical School of the Church (as recognized by our Church) and the Sunday School of the Church (in its modern form), have the same end and aim, that they are parts of the same educational system, and that they only need to be brought into organic union in order to become far more efficient than they now are. We have within our reach here a great power, which as yet is somewhat of a slumbering power.

And the signs of the times, and the tendencies of the age show

that the Church stands greatly in need of this power. The great decay of family training, the unreligious character of our public school training, the seductive scientific theories of the age, and the *secularism* that is so rampant all around us—in thoughts, feelings, and aspirations—all warn us that the Church must be up and awake, if we are not to fail in adapting, in our day, the gospel agencies to the wants of the age.

The Committee would recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to take into consideration and report on the best practical plan of uniting the catechetical and Sunday-school activities.

Resolved, That the Classes and ministers be requested to give all aid in their power to make the Sunday-school publications as efficient as possible, and to be as widely circulated as possible.

Resolved, That the next annual Sunday-school meeting of Synod be held in the Reformed Church at Goshen, Indiana, on the first Friday evening during the sessions of Synod, and that the Board be requested to make the proper arrangement for the exercises of the same.

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to examine into the question, whether our Sunday-schools are actively engaged in the work of co-operation in the benevolent enterprises of the Church.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Classes that, where necessary, one minister be appointed to devote one month in the year to visiting the various parts of the Classes for the purpose of organizing new Sunday-schools, holding Sunday-school meetings, and encouraging and improving the existing ones.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. H. GOOD, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Board of Sunday Schools.

Members whose term expires October, 1879.

Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D., Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

Members whose term expires October, 1880.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, Rev. Richard B. Reichard.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. Isaac H. R[illegible] Rev. Peter C. Prugh.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred requiring any action or record.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing was reported requiring action or record.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Board of Trustees of Synod.

Members whose term expires October, 1879.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman, Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires October, 1880.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Mr. Henry M. Herman.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. David Winters, D. D., Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Preparation of a Hymn Book.

The Committee appointed on the preparation of a Hymn Book, referred to in item 11 of the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes, and in item 8 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received, and is as follows:

The undersigned, the Committee appointed by the last Synod to prepare a Hymn Book, with tunes, to accompany the Liturgy, beg leave respectfully to report:

The permission and authority to prepare such a book were given by the General Synod at Philadelphia, in the year 1869 (see Minutes, page 65), at the time when the provisional use of the two Liturgies was provided for. In the same resolution the Eastern and Western Synods were expressly authorized to go forward and to publish such collection of hymns. Accordingly, in 1870 (Minutes of Synod, page 75), a Committee of three was appointed by the Synod of Ohio (consisting of J. H. Good, I. H. Reiter, and D. Van Horne) to prepare a selection of hymns, not to exceed three or four hundred in number. In 1871 this Committee reported that the work was in such a state of forwardness that it could be made ready for the press in a short time, requesting Synod however to decide certain points in advance. From this time forward nothing of importance was done, until the last Synod partially reorganized the Committee, and directed it to go forward at once to the completion of the book. (It is proper to remark here that the Eastern Synod, availing itself of the aforesaid action of the General Synod, prepared its work and published it in the year 1874. That book, called "Hymns for the Reformed Church," contains 484 hymns, and a new edition, with tunes, is to be issued during the present year.) The Ohio Synod directed our Committee that the collection should embrace not less than 500, and not more than 800 hymns.

In accordance with the direction and earnest desire of Synod, the Committee has devoted a large amount of time and labor during the past year to this work, and we are now prepared to lay the MS. of the book, nearly complete, before Synod. In preparing the work we have traversed the whole field of hymnology, and have spared no time nor exertions in order to make it a fit manual for Christian people in the service of song in the house of God. We think it should be published at once, without a day's unnecessary delay, as many are awaiting its appearance with anxiety. The book contains 634 hymns and psalms, with 226 tunes. Of these hymns about 160 have been selected from our old book; the remainder being drawn from the best sources, ancient and modern. The principle on which the book has been constructed, and the method of carrying out its plan, will be best seen from the preface and the analytic index.

In order not to make this report of unnecessary length, the Com-

mittee holds itself prepared to give all necessary explanations verbally to Synod, or its Committee.

To provide for the publication of the book at once, it will be the duty of Synod—

1. To raise the necessary funds to secure the use of the copyright tunes, and to pay for the stereotyping of the pages.

2. To find a suitable publisher for the book.

Respectfully submitted,

JEREMIAH H. GOOD,
ISAAC H. REITER,
SAMUEL MEASE,
} *Committee of Synod.*

This report, together with the whole subject involved, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. William McCaughey, Henry T. Spangler, Sebastian C. Goss, Dr. Samuel Mease; Elders Lewis Keller and Robert Bell. This Committee, during Saturday afternoon session, submitted their report, which was received and made the order of the day for Monday morning, immediately after the opening of the Synod. At the appointed time the report was considered, and after some discussion, together with the preceding report, adopted:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the Hymn Book, in connection with the proposition made this Synod for the publication of the same, would beg leave to offer the following report:

That they have examined the manuscript placed in their hands, and are pleased to state that the manuscript form of the book fully corresponds with the representations made of it before Synod, by the Chairman of your Synodical Hymn Book Committee. Also, that the analytical index seems to be natural and easy; yet it might be more full and extended by additional subjects—especially the miscellaneous department. Also, that its general index of first lines of hymns contains a judicious and a very extended selection of churchly and popular hymns, carrying with them their author s name; also the immediate subject-matter of the hymn, which is often very convenient. But this list, extended as it is, does not contain hymns on the subjects of temperance, the seasons, etc. Moreover, while the book contains the proper hymns for family and social, or prayer-meeting services, they are not referred to in the analytical index. Also, while it contains as large a number of the old and new tunes as perhaps the circumstances will admit, it omits a number of

popular tunes, such as Lischer, a high meter tune, and the tunes set to the words, "Almost persuaded," "What shall the harvest be?" etc.

Therefore, in view of the above, your Committee would offer the following suggestions, viz:

1. That some hymns be incorporated in the book on the subjects already referred to.

2. That such hymns as are adapted for family and social services be topically referred to in the analytical index.

3. That the miscellaneous department of the analytical index could profitably be increased by inserting some hymns that are not contained in the work at all; and by referring them to suitable tunes elsewhere in the book no great increase in size would be made.

4. That the list of tunes be increased by the addition of Lischer and Clarksville as a high meter, and "What shall the harvest be?" "Almost persuaded," as P. meter tunes.

As regards the proposition made by Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., your Committee would represent that, in view of a general and great need of a new hymnal in the Church, and of the fact that the work of your Synodical Committee seems well adapted to meet this want and supply this need, therefore your Committee would offer the following suggestions, viz:

1. That this Synod accept the manuscript form of the Hymnal as prepared by the aforesaid Committee of Synod, and containing the additions suggested above, if practicable. Also, that provision be made for its publication at the earliest possible date, with this recommendation:

Resolved, That, in accordance with the permission of the General Synod in 1869, this Synod approves and recommends for provisional use in all churches and families the book entitled "REFORMED CHURCH HYMNAL," compiled by a Committee of this Synod.

2. That this Synod instruct its trustees, its proper representatives in the premises, to accept the following proposition made by Dr. J. H. Good, viz:

"I will undertake, at my own risk, and that of my associates, the publication and distribution of the book, paying for the copyright, for the stereotype plates, and other expenses, on condition that Synod give me this contract for ten (10) years, at the end of which time Synod to have the option of taking its publication into its own hands by paying for the stereotype plates one-tenth ($\frac{1}{10}$) of their original cost. I will further engage, for myself and ass[illegible] the price

of the book shall not be more than twelve (12) dollars per dozen for the common size and style; other sizes and styles to be proportionate in price." Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM McCAUGHEY,
HENRY T. SPANGLER,
SAMUEL MEASE,
ROBERT BELL,
LEWIS KELLER,
} *Committee.*

The Shutt Will Case.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the morning session of the second day of the sessions, reported in item 13 that Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., was continued as an assistant agent in the will case of George Shutt, deceased, late of Darke County, Ohio. Thereupon the agent, Rev. Lewis M. Kerschner, submitted the following report, which was received, and as amended adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of Ohio:

Fathers and Brethren—More than two years have passed since I was, during the interregnum of this Synod, appointed by the Treasurer of this Synod and Heidelberg College and empowered by him in his name and in the name of this Synod to defend the rights and interests of Synod in the case of the will of the late George Shutt, of New Madison, Darke County, Ohio. After a tedious litigation it was found the testator was possessed in fee simple of but one-half the property which he was supposed and which he believed himself to possess on the day he made and published his last will and testament; the other half being owned by his widow and held in trust for her in his name. After this case was disposed of, the other was compromised with a view of saving something for the Church. Every point in law was gained in behalf of the Church, even to the reduction of his private legatees, and a decree obtained which, in view of the Bible Society refusing to defend their interests in the estate, was vitiated and their claims to be transferred to the Church. The property was then put into market, with a view of paying the widow an annuity in consideration of her claims being released. This amounted to $700; there not having been the requisite amount of personal property to give her what the law decrees to the widow out of a personal estate. Then $450 was decreed to the

five legatees, the total being $700+$450=$1,150; aside the necessary costs of the suit on the part of executor, the cost in the first suit having, by agreement, been paid by the widow of the deceased. The property was twice offered for sale before it found a purchaser. When we entered into the agreement to sell, we hoped to realize $2,000; the property was appraised at $3,000, and failed to sell. The Court ordered a new appraisement, when the property was appraised at $2,000 and sold for $1,334, thus leaving nothing for the Church. The stringency of the money market, and the great number of forced and bankrupt sales in Darke County, also was against us. Thus, after gaining every point in law in compromise, we failed in realizing anything; but it was no fault of myself nor Mr. C. M. Anderson, of the late firm of Jobes & Anderson—the senior of the firm having died during the litigation. We left no stone unturned in the interest of the Church, and, while successful, it failed also. With regard to my expenses: I incurred, during the prosecution of this work, which was very heavy, a total outlay of $31, of which amount I received of Dr. G. W. Williard, in behalf of Heidelberg College, $9; of Dr. J. H. Good, $10.75, in behalf of Synod; leaving a balance of $11 in my favor against Synod. My labor is cheerfully given to the Master's cause, and, but for the fact that for almost a year I have been without a field of labor, the balance in my favor would also be donated. This, together with an attorney's fee of $50, is the actual expense on the part of the Church.

Respectfully submitted.

LEWIS M. KERSCHNER, *Agent.*

By power of attorney.

GREENVILLE, OHIO, *May* 7, 1878.

THE CASE OF REV. HARVEY WILSON.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the afternoon session of the second day (Thursday) of the sessions, reported in item 12 that the Stated Clerk of the Ohio Synod was instructed to notify the Presbytery of Winona, respecting the action of this Synod in regard to the reception of Rev. Harvey Wilson by that body. The Stated Clerk submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Ohio Synod:

I would hereby report that, according to the instruction of Synod, I forwarded in July, 1877, an official copy of the action of Synod, in the case of Rev. Harvey Wilson, to Rev. Rockwood McQuesten, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Winona, and, subsequently, also a copy thereof to Rev. Harvey Wilson, then of Wykoff, Minnesota, but now (I believe) of Portsmouth, Ohio.

In August, 1877, I received from Rev. Harvey Wilson several documents, purporting to be his report as former Treasurer of Shelby Classis, and his report of the "Reformed Educational Association." These reports, he claimed, he could not submit to said Classis at the proper time, because of its disorganized or dissolved condition. These documents I retained until I ascertained that measures were being adopted to reorganize Shelby Classis, in accordance with the action of the last Synod. I then, on the 16th of April, 1878, forwarded them, together with his letter of explanation, to Rev. Simon P. Myers, Stated Clerk of Shelby Classis, with the view of having them laid before Classis. As the Classis formally reorganized in the Buckhart Church, Christian County, Illinois, April 26 (1878), the papers, it appears, received due attention by said Classis.

For the disposition of the case, the Synod is respectfully referred to Minutes of Shelby Classis, which will come in an official way before this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session of the third day of the sessions, reported in item 11, *b*, that Shelby Classis had received certain documents and explanatory statements from Rev. Harvey Wilson, through the Stated Clerk of the Ohio Synod, in regard to his leaving Classis without a regular dismission and his reception, in this irregular way, by the Presbytery of Winona of the Presbyterian Church; and that now there seemed to be nothing in the way of granting him a dismission or transfer on the part of the Synod. In regard to this matter, the following action was adopted:

Whereas, Rev. Harvey Wilson has furnished, through the Stated Clerk of the Ohio Synod, the desired reports and explanatory statements to Shelby Classis, which became reorganized on the 26th of April, A. D. 1878; and,

WHEREAS, The said reports and statements have proved satisfactory to Shelby Classis, and there being no charges otherwise preferred against him; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod approves of the action of Shelby Classis in the case.

Resolved, That this Synod, in view of the peculiar circumstances of the case, acquiesces in the action of the Presbytery of Winona respecting the reception of Rev. Harvey Wilson, though said action was irregular in form.

THE CASE OF REV. JOHN NAILLE.

The Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, reported in item 3 that a document was received from Shelby Classis in regard to the case of Rev. John Naille. This document, together with the subject-matter involved, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Geo. W. Williard, D. D, Fred. F. Christine, and Elder John Siegfried. This Committee, during the afternoon session on Saturday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the document from the Shelby Classis respecting Rev. John Naille, would respectfully report:

That there is nothing in said document claiming the attention of Synod, as there is no complaint or appeal in the case; and we recommend that it be referred back to the Shelby Classis for further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

GIVING OF BONDS BY TREASURERS OF BOARDS.

As reported by the Committee on Synodical Minutes in item 10, during the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, the attention of the several Boards of Synod is directed to Synod's former action, requiring their respective Treasurers to execute bonds to the Trustees of Synod. The item was adopted, and the subject-matter referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Peter C. Prugh, Joseph A. Keller, and Elder Andrew H. Baughman. This Committee, during the afternoon session of the sixth day of

the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received, and as amended adopted:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of bonds to be given by the Treasurers of the Boards of Synod, report:

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have considered the subject referred to them, and agree in recommending:

1. That the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary and the Treasurer of Heidelberg College only be required to give bonds.

2. That the bond of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary be for the sum of $5,000, and the bond of the Treasurer of Heidelberg College for the sum of $5,000.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

The St. John's Classis, as reported in item 32 by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, during Monday afternoon session, declined to accept Synod's proposed compromise in regard to the transfer of the Wooster congregation to the Tuscarawas Classis, and reaffirms its action taken at Bellaire. In regard to this subject, the following action was adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That the St. John's Classis be referred to the action of Synod in 1877, and be respectfully requested to comply with the same. (See Minutes 1877, page 57.)

The Tuscarawas Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes in item 7, during the afternoon session of the third day (Friday) of the sessions, requested the Synod to ratify its irregularity in ordaining Robert F. Oplinger. In regard to this transaction, the Synod adopted the following action:

Resolved, That the ordination of Rev. Robert F. Oplinger be and is hereby confirmed and ratified by Synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

I. Report of the Board of Publication.

The Board of Publication would hereby respectfully report:

That the Board, having convened in Dayton, Ohio, June 14, 1877, nd organized by the election of Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Presi-lent*, and Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *Secretary;* and that some atten-ion was given to our publication interest during the Synodical year.

The *Christian World*, as well as our Sunday-school periodicals, as been published during the year, and, in regard to its contents nd management, has proved a welcome visitor and useful instructor ı many families. The editor, though often heavily tasked with the uties of the position, devoted himself to the work with a commend-ble degree of energy and fidelity, and regularly furnished the Church ith the successive issues of the paper, which, in point of merit, read-ıg matter and price, will favorably compare with the religious peri-dicals of other denominations. As such, it deserves the continued ɔnfidence and patronage of the Church.

In view of the varied duties and heavy work, as well as for the aprovement of the paper and the benefit of the patrons, the editor, the beginning of the present year, engaged as an assistant, Mr. Villiam G. Hullhorst, who has been rendering acceptable and valua-le service.

A few additional facts may here be presented, in order to bring ır publication interests in an intelligent manner before Synod, and ı awaken a more general and hearty co-operation on the part of the hurch.

1. The general status, in regard to our publication interests, re-ains, in its principal features, about the same as at the time of the ıbmission of our last annual report, to which reference can be had.

2. The action of the last Synod, referring the matter of the *Chris-m World* to the control and direction of the Board of Publication, ceived the prompt attention of the Board. A circular, full and ecific in its statements, was issued to the Church and the friends ıd patrons of the paper, and their earnest co-operation sought and ged. But neither the hope of the Synod nor the expectation of e Board were realized. Instead of increasing the circulation 1,000, ıly 193 subscribers were obtained since the last meeting of Synod,

and these mostly by the personal-canvassing efforts of the publisher. Nor has there been any special or favorable advance otherwise, while the "stringency of the times" has slightly increased the percentage of loss, owing to a lack of prepayment.

3. The Sunday school publications—the *Instructor*, *Lesson Leaves*, and *Leaves of Light*—which in many respects are regarded equal to other similar publications, have been issued regularly. Their decrease during the winter season, because of the peculiar "*hibernation*" of the number of schools, has been somewhat larger than usual, and with the return of spring the usual increase was not realized. Their present circulation is barely paying expenses. Under such circumstances, as is the habit of some, it is useless to talk of "lowering" the price on them, when they are already afforded at reasonable rates. To reduce the cost, the circulation must be increased. But here a number of our schools do not render the desired and deserved co-operation and support. Some, it would seem, either patronize outside publications, or furnish none of the "helps" for their schools.

4. The obligation and duty of the Church, in view of the facts in the premises, are clear and undeniable. The *Christian World*, sustaining the character of an able and instructive religious weekly, and adapted to the wants and interests of the Church, should have, as it well deserves, the hearty co-operation and liberal support of the Church. It is only in this way that the paper can be permanently sustained and further improved, and proper encouragement given to the editor and publisher. The same holds true respecting our Sunday-school publications.

The whole matter is submitted to the Synod, for due consideration and definite action. Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *President*.

II. Report of Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the report of the Board, adopted:

To the Ohio Synod:—Your Committee on Publication would report that they have carefully examined the report of the Board of Publication, which was the only document that came into our hands

Your Committee would recommend the following preambles and resolutions:

WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel Mease has gone forward in good faith for this Synod, and has secured help in his arduous labors; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Ohio Synod, pledge our utmost efforts to help him increase the circulation of the *Christian World.*

Resolved, That we believe the Board of Publication faithfully discharged its duty in reference to the circulation of the *Christian World.*

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Synod that the persons to whom the circular in reference to the increased circulation of the *Christian World* were sent did not all do their whole duty in not responding more earnestly.

Resolved, That this Synod heartily indorse the able and efficient manner in which Dr. Samuel Mease conducts and manages the editorial and publication departments of the *Christian World.*

Resolved, That we, as pastors, recommend our Sabbath-school publications to our respective Sabbath-schools.

WHEREAS, It seems that something should be done to keep the teachings of the *Heidelberg Catechism* before our people; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Synod instruct the publisher of the *Lesson Leaves* to add the corresponding questions from the *Heidelberg Catechism* of each Sabbath to the lesson of the respective corresponding Sabbaths.

Resolved, That the different pastors be instructed to report in their parochial reports to Classes: 1. The number of subscribers to the *Christian World* at the beginning of each Classical year. 2. The number of new subscribers secured during the Classical year which said reports cover. 3. The number of old subscribers who refuse to renew their subscription.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON P. MYERS, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, Rev. Henry M. Herman,
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Mr. Andrew H. Baughman,
Mr. Valentine C. Tidball.

IV. Concerning the Printing Establishment.

1. *Report of the Committee.*

The Committee continued on the Printing Establishment, referred to by the Committee on Synodical Minutes in item 15, submitted their report during the afternoon session on Monday. The report was received and adopted:

The Committee on the Printing House would respectfully report that they have done nothing in the matter committed to their care, as they saw no disposition on the part of the Church to take hold of the enterprise and carry it forward to completion. This being the case the Committee see no reason why the subject should be kept before the Church, and would therefore recommend that the Committee be discharged and the notes given, and money paid be refunded and handed back. The Committee would also inform the Synod that Mr. Jacob Thomas, of Springfield, Ohio, has bequeathed the sum of $250 for this specific object. The Committee would recommend that the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to receive said amount, put it on interest, and hold it in reserve until the way be opened to go forward in this enterprise. In behalf of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

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2. *Report of the Treasurer.*

The Treasurer of the Committee on the Printing Establishment submitted, at the same time, the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Treasurer of the Committee on the Printing Establishment would report that there has been but little done during the past year in the way of raising funds for the printing house. My report will differ but little from that I gave one year ago. The total amount of money received from all sources is $167.52. I have also received in notes, $655.00, making the whole amount in the treasury, $822.52.

Respectfully submitted,

May 13, 1878. ROBERT BELL, *Treasurer.*

V. Publication of Minutes of Synod.

The Stated Clerk of Synod, in response to the inquiry raised in item 16 of the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Stated Clerk would report that he complied with the instructions of Synod in regard to the publication and distribution of the Minutes of the annual sessions of Synod in 1877. The cost of printing 1,200 copies of the Minutes, making a pamphlet of ninety pages, amounted to $160.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1,300 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

I. Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

J. H. Good, *Treasurer, in Account with the Ohio Synod.*
To amount received from May 15, 1877, to May 1, 1878, from the several Classes, and other sources, as follows:

Miami Classis.		
Bill of 1877, in full, per A. H. Baughman, Treasurer		$ 98 78
Lancaster Classis.		
Balance of Bill of 1876, per Rev. S. P. Manger, Treasurer	$ 5 06	
Bill of 1877, in full, " " " "	51 00	56 06
Tuscarawas Classis.		
Bill of 1877, in full, per Hon. T. W. Chapman, Treasurer		67 60
Tiffin Classis.		
Bill of 1877, in full, per Dr. J. H. Good, Treasurer		60 20
St. John's Classis.		
Bill of 1876, Balance, per Dr. P. Greding, Treasurer	52 40	
Bill of 1877, " " " "	39 06	91 46
Eastern Ohio Classis.		
Bill of 1877, in full, per Elder W. S. Winings, Treasurer		68 60
Iowa Classis.		
Bill of 1877, in full, per Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treasurer		17 10
Carried over,		$459 80

Brought forward		$459 80
Northern Illinois Classis.		
Bill of 1877, in full, per Rev. J. Sechler, Treasurer		14 70
Shelby Classis.		
Old account, in part, per Rev. S. P. Myers, Treasurer		21 95
Cincinnati Classis.		
Bill of 1877, in full, per H. Schroer, Treasurer		44 20
Kansas Classis.		
Bill of 1877, in full, per F. Isely, Treasurer		8 90
St. Joseph's Classis.		
Bill of 1877, in full, per Rev. L. Grosenbaugh, Treasurer		36 80
		$ 586 35
To Balance from former year		211 42
		$ 797 77

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To printing tickets for Synod of Orrville		1 50
Sexton at Orrville		10 00
Rev. D. Lantz of Northern Illinois Classis, ⅓ of traveling expenses		8 00
Rev. E. Richards, Kansas, ⅓ traveling expenses		15 00
Rev. S. P. Myers, Shelby, " " ; Elder J. Heilman, " " "		21 95
Dr. Mease, Books for Committee on Hymn Book		5 40
Dr. Reiter, salary as Stated Clerk		75 00
Dr. E. M. Epstein, bill of printing, Constitution of Aid Society		28 00
Dr. Reiter, bill of printing Minutes of Synod		160 00
Interest on temporary loan from Bank		4 66
Dr. Reiter, per bill, printing railroad passes	75	
" " traveling expenses to Synod and Cincinnati	13 00	
" " wrapping paper, mailing, expressage, etc	5 00	
" " postage stamps	13 85	
" " stationery and postage	10 00	42 60
" " expenses in the Shutt Will case		8 00
Rev. G. M. Albright, order of Synod in 1877		10 00
Expenses of Hymn Book Committee, *i. e.*, hymn books, tune books, stationery, postage and expressage		23 11
Rev. J. A. Nicolai, Kansas Classis, ⅓ traveling expenses		12 00
Elm Street Printing Company, Constitutions of Aid Society		18 50
Postage and stationery of Treasurer		11 12
		$ 449 84
Balance on hand, May 1, 1878		347 93
		$ 797 77

INDEBTEDNESS TO SYNOD.

The following Classes are still in arrears:

Ursinus Classis.		
Bill of 1875		15 47
Shelby Classis.		
Balance of old account	14 01	
Bill of 1877	7 65	21 66
		$ 37 13

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD *Treasurer.*

II. Report of Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received, and, with the Treasurer's report, adopted:

The Committed on Finance respectfully report, as follows:

The report of the Treasurer of Ohio Synod, in the hands of your Committee, has been examined and found to be correct. We are glad to find a balance of $347.93 in the Treasury. In view of the meeting of the General Synod this year, and of the apportionments that are likely to be made upon this Synod, your Committee have thought proper to recommend that an apportionment of about $450 be made for current expenses of the coming year, to be apportioned as follows, among the several Classes of the Ohio Synod:

Miami Classis	$73 00
Lancaster Classis	88 00
Tuscarawas Classis	27 00
Tiffin Classis	33 00
St. John's Classis	68 00
Eastern Ohio Classis	38 00
Northern Illinois Classis	8 00
Shelby Classis	9 00
Iowa Classis	16 00
St. Joseph's Classis	25 00
Cincinnati Classis	47 00
Kansas Classis	7 00
Total	$389 00

Your Committee further recommend that the request of Ursinus Classis, in relation to their old debt to this Synod, be granted.

It is also further reported to your Committee that Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., agent for the sale of the English Liturgy, desires to close his work as agent, and that there is a balance due him of $164.90. There are still, in the hands of the agent Liturgies enough to cover these expenses, but it will be some time before the amount can be realized.

In view of this fact, your Committee would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the books and accounts, now in the hands of the agent, Dr. G. W. Williard, be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, and that he be authorized to pay Dr. G. W. Williard the amount due him as soon as the financial state of the treasury will allow.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. ZIEGLER, *Chairman.*

III. Payment of Bills by the Treasurer

The Treasurer of the Synod was instructed to pay, as per order, the following bills, which were allowed by the Synod, namely:

1. Rev. Lewis M. Kerschner, $61.00, for expenses incurred as agent in the will case of George Shutt, deceased.

2. Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, $1.75, for the printing of one hundred tickets for the use of Synod.

3. Rev. Joseph A. Keller, $20.00, and Elder Fred. Isely, $10.75, delegates of Kansas Classis, and Rev. Simon P. Myers, $8.80, delegate of Shelby Classis, being one-third of their traveling expenses in attending Synod.

4. Mr. Montgomery Rader, sexton of the Reformed Church of Xenia, $10.00, for his services rendered during the sessions of Synod.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the morning session of the third day of the sessions, presented their report through the Chairman, Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver. This report was received and adopted, and the Committee was instructed to have a sufficient number of copies of the nominations printed for the use of the Synod.

The election of the several Boards was made the order of the day for Saturday morning at ten o'clock, and the election was held at the appointed time. Revs. Austin Henry and G. Wm. H. Smith were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots, and subsequently reported the result to the Synod.

For the *result* of the election in each case, see Articles XIII, Missions; XIV., Theological Seminary; XV., Heidelberg College; XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; XVII, Sunday Schools; XX., Church Government; and XXI., Publication.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Committee on Leave of Absence.

On motion, during the morning session of the third day of the sessions, Revs. Wm. McCaughey, Samuel B. Yockey, and Elder John W. Peterson were appointed a Committee through whom all applications for leave of absence are to be made. The Committee, through its Chairman, finally submitted their report, which was accepted, and their recommendations approved by Synod.

Place and Time of next Meeting of Synod.

During the morning session of the third day of the sessions, the Synod proceeded to select the place and fix the time for its next annual meeting. The places put in nomination were Columbiana, Ohio, and Goshen, Indiana. The result of the vote, as to place, was that Goshen was chosen.

The fixing of the time was made the order of the day for Saturday morning immediately after the opening of the Synod. At the appointed time, the Synod proceeded to fix the time. After several motions and some discussion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the time of the annual meeting of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church be changed from spring to autumn, and that, in view of this change, the Synod shall convene on the first Wednesday in October, A. D. 1879, at seven o'clock in the evening.

The Stated Clerk of Synod, Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., who had to be necessarily absent, was, on motion, excused from Saturday at 11 A. M. until Monday at 11 A. M.; and during his absence Rev. Jer. H. Good, D. D., acted as Stated Clerk *pro tem.*

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Vote of Thanks.

The following resolutic[illegible] [illegible]re adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That we, as [illegible] our sincere thanks to the

Christian families of Xenia for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have received and entertained us while in their midst; and that the pastor *loci* be instructed to read this resolution from his pulpit at his next appointment; and also that its publication be requested in the papers of the city.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the ladies who have so profusely and tastefully decorated the audience-room of the church with beautiful plants and flowers; and also that the choir receive our hearty thanks for their services.

The roll was called, and none were found absent without permission.

The reading of the Minutes of the last day was dispensed with, and they were then adopted as a whole, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, now adjourn to meet in convention in the Reformed Church at Goshen, Elkhart County, Indiana, on the first Wednesday in October, A. D. 1879, at seven o'clock in the evening.

The Synod adjourned on Monday evening, May 13, at half-past nine o'clock, with singing, prayer by the President, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, Doxology, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

JOHN M. KENDIG, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

OF THE

OHIO SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.

Particulars Designated.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Classes	12	12	12
Ministers	151	158	162
Congregations	338	388	840
Members	23,458	24,041	24,560
Members Unconfirmed	11,851	11,910	11,307
Baptisms—Infants	1,594	1,638	1,496
" Adults	326	473	466
" Total	1,920	2,111	1,962
Receptions—Confirmed	1,535	1,770	1,607
" Certificate	715	859	737
" Total	2,250	2,628	2,344
" Net Gain	1,266	1,428	1,391
Communed	19,304	19,142	19,592
Dismissed	343	377	268
Loss—Excommunicated	49	31	19
" Erasure of Names	356	560	403
" Deaths	579	610	541
" Total	984	1,201	963
Sunday Schools	242	252	253
Sunday School Scholars	17,089	18,668	20,134
Students for Ministry	40	34	23
For Benevolent Purposes	$7,828	$6,404	$6,995
For Congregational Purposes	$90,357	$84,696	$80,570

NOTE.—From this comparative summary it will be seen that when the receptions and losses of members are compared, there has been a net gain of members in 1876 of 1,266, in 1877 of 1,428, and in 1878 of 1,391. There has also been a proportionate increase in the Sunday-school membership; but in the matter of students for the ministry, and of contributions, especially for benevolent purposes, there does not appear to have been a corresponding increase. The real loss may have been a little larger than stated, and the net gain somewhat less, as it is not definitely known how many members have been dismissed to congregations beyond the bounds of the Ohio Synod, nor how many have changed their church relations. But the numbers above given, as to loss and gain, are at least approximately correct.—*Stated Clerk.*

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Ministers and Licentiates.	Congregations.	Charges.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregation'l Purposes.	Post-Office Address.
Miami Classis.																			
avid Winters, D. D.,	4	Mt. Zion,	415	240	9	8	11		365	29			8	4	275		$87 00	$725 00	Dayton, O.
muel B Yockey,	2	Xenia and Beaver,	295		2				240	6			1	2	210		212 74	1820 00	Xenia, O.
m. McCaughey,	1	Miamisburg,	355	207	29	9	20	30	315	3		8	9	1	341		76 28	1400 00	Miamisburg, O.
enry M. Herman,	3	West Alexandria,	426	110	15	10	26	2	360	2		3	14	3	475	1	82 84	1100 00	West Alexandria, O.
	1	Church of the Cross,	76	36	5	6	5		56	2		3	6	1	185			450 00	Cincinnati, O.
acob M. LeFevre,	3	Fairfield,	250		5	2	2	13	250	4		5	6	3	260			1155 00	Fairfield, O.
aniel R. Taylor,	4	Union,	327	78	5	35	70	60	294	9		24	4	4	324		23 66	883 00	North Hampton, O.
. William H. Smith,	2	Cæsar's Creek,	102	17	2	27	27	8	98	7		14		2	130		75 00	455 00	Xenia, O.
" " Sup.	2	Highland,	151	65		12	22		148			40	4	2	185		90 00	780 00	
eorge Z. Mechling,	2	Hamilton,	79	48	3	3	9	3	73	3		5	1	2	160			400 00	Hamilton, O.
onathan C Beade,	4	Port Jefferson,	210	82	12	14	25	3	210	2			2	3	282		89 00	368 00	Sidney, O.
Villiam A. Hale,	1	First Church, Dayton,	320		7	20	37	35	279	1		4	5	1	175		50 00	2002 00	Dayton, O.
Milton F. Frank,	2	Farmersville,	225	100	13	1	2		142	4			4	2	190			110 00	Farmersville, O.
ohn Stuck,	4	Mt. Pleasant,	117	56	23	8	18	6	98	4	2	6	3	3	218		25 00	484 00	Hill Grove, O.
	3	St. Paris,	183	45	1	15	33		160				1	3	150			500 00	
acob Weaver,	2	Salem,	40	7	2		2	2	25	3		1							Sidney, O.
ichard B. Reichard,	1	Springboro,	90	30	2	2	15	1	80	1				1	65	1	87 00	475 00	Springboro, O.
dam Hawker,	2	Mt. Carmel,	122	45	9	5	8	10	90				2	2	100		13 61	230 00	Dayton, O.
eter C. Prugh,	1	Germantown,	152	50	4	5	28	10	138	2			2	1	175		21 60	650 00	Germantown, O
" " Supply,	1	Elk Creek,	13	6			1		10				1	1	40		4 60	50 00	" "
" " "	1	Winchester,	39	10			2	2	35								4 80	50 00	" "
. Dingledine,	4	Bradford,	163	50	11	24	34	28	163				1	2	155			825 00	Bradford, O.
. Steiner,	3	New Madison,	145						90				1	2	150				Greenville, O
H. Reiter, D. D.,		Ed. Instructor,																	Miamisburg, O.
J. Meyer, D. D.,		Ed. Christian World,																	Dayton, O.

...ion K. Dennis,		" "																	New Castle, Ind.
...ristian Berentz,		" "																	Grandview, O.
...iram Shumaker,		" "																	Lawrence, Texas.
...ph. M. Epstein, M. D.,		Prof. Heid. College,																	Tiffin, O.
...evi Rike,		Without Charge,																	Farmersville, O.
...iram Shaull,		" "																	Tiffin, O.
...rank C. Witthoff, Lic.,		" "																	Homeworth, O.
Total, 27.	58		4295	1282	159	201	897	208	8719	2	2	118	75	47	4245	2	$938.18	$14,712.00	
Lancaster Classis.																			
...eorge H. Leonard,	2	Basil,	882	143	10	7	20	10	367	2		6	6	2	282		$219 00	$719 00	Basil, O.
...ohn Vogt,	1	Delaware,	206	115	8	5	6	3	182	2	3		5	1	131		123 00	1125 00	Delaware, O.
...rancis C. Yost,	4	Somerset,	825	308	15	3	13	4	318	2			3	4	326	2	120 00	1050 00	Thornville, O.
...las P. Mauger,	4	Winchester,	258	105	15	6	19	5	230	7		2	6	3	250		110 00	1400 00	Canal Winchester, O.
... Henry,	3	Kinnickinnick,	132	52	17	1	7	2	125				6	2			37 00	630 00	Hallsville, O.
...pangler,*	2	Lancaster,	825		10	8	21	6	175	2			2	2	200		30 00	800 00	Lancaster, O.
...fley, Sup.,	1	North Union,	25	35	2		4		24				1	1					Canal Winchester, O.
...gler,	4	Stoutsville,	240	85	10	3	18	1	153	3			1	3			91 00	715 00	Stoutsville, O.
... Hoyman,		Without Charge,																	Somerset, O.
...ilpin,		" "																	Basil, O.
...oucks,	1	Church of the Cross,	33	27	3		4	3	30		1	4	1	1	48		15 00	362 00	Somerset, O.
...Barber,	3	Jerusa'm & Mt. Zwingli	70	30	3		1	1	65				2	3	100		42 00	675 00	Bremen, O.
...enry King,		Without Charge,																	Baltimore, O.
...eter D. Schory,		" "																	Lancaster, O.
...acant,	4	Union,	299		6	5	24	13	224	4			4	3	171		40 00	350 00	
Total, 14.	29		2295	900	99	38	137	48	1893	22	4	12	37	25	1508	2	$827.00	$7,826.00	
Tuscarawas Classis.																			
...ebastian C. Goss,	4	Wadsworth,	327	150	14	7	34	14	315			2	4	4	230		$175 00	$887 00	Wadsworth, O.
...amuel B. Leiter, D. D.,	4	Union,	273	250	13		28	1	250	3			3	3	200	1	98 00	795 00	Wadsworth, O.
...ilas Mase,	4	Tuscarawas,	253	213	5	16	58	7	240				6	4	230	4	637 00	750 00	Massillon, O.
... Winters Good,	3	Shelby,	205	100	2		12	1	175				6	3	220		80 00	850 00	Shelby, O.

* Resigned.

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dward Herbruck,	1	Canton,	130		20	2	14	8	110	1		1	4	1	200		$40 00		Canton, O.
ohn H. Beck,	4	Uniontown,	180		8				170					3			64 00	$4000 00	Lake, O.
enry H. Sandoe,	3	Mohican,	178	96	9	5	7	2	124					3	272		71 00	709 00	Mohican, O.
Villiam M. Andrews,	4	Reedsburg,	175	45	8	16	27	16	155	4		2	4	2	210	1	45 00	637 00	Reedsburg, O.
acob V. Lerch,	4	Shenandoah,	154		2	5	6	4	159	4			3	4			102 00	5 00	Ashland, O.
acant,	4	Manchester,*	150				14	14	150			1	5	3	259		56 00	906 00	Lake, O.
mil P. Herbruck,	1	Akron,	115	70	15	5	8	12	95	3		1	4	1	85		20 00	1187 00	Akron, O.
harles M. Schaaf,	3	Bristol,	112	80	6	1	5	5	80	2			2	1	125			500 00	Marshallsville, O.
ohn S. Stoner,	3	Navarre,	138	40		2		1	65					2	115		50 00	200 00	Navarre, O.
oseph Kester,	3	Canaan,	103	63										2	165				Canaan, O.
acant,	1	Emanuel,	29																
ohn C. Klar,																			Navarre, O.
esse Hines,																			Reedsburg, O.
heodore J. Bacher,	1	Wooster,†	230	125	5		1	2						1	153		10 00	800 00	Wooster, O.
Total, 15.	47		2757	1232	107	59	214	87	2058	17		7	41	38	2615	6	$1,391.00	$11,227.00	
assis.																			
. Good, D. D.,		Pres. Theol. Seminary,																	Tiffin, O.
st, D. D.,		Prof. " "																	"
illiard, D. D.,		Pres. Heidelberg Coll.																	"
d,		Prof. " "																	"
efauver,	1	1st Tiffin,	273	195	8	3	12	3	213	8			5	1	200		$78 00	$1350 00	"
	3	Heidelberg,	132	139	5	2	6		105				1	3	145		10 00	385 00	Findlay, O.
Richards,	2	Fremont,	120	60	8	4	18	8	110	3		4	3	2	125		36 00	900 00	Fremont, O.
[illegible] Casselman,	2	Fostoria,	81	40	8	1	3	10	70	1			1	2	200		33 00	415 00	Fostoria, O.

* Served by Rev. Milton H. Cook. † Lately received.

[illegible]	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			[illegible]	2	[illegible]	1	[illegible]	[illegible]		West [illegible], O.
muel Shaw,	1	Bloomville,	76	45	8	7	20	10	65	1			2	1	200		30 00	600 00	Bloomville, O.
wis Richter,	2	Ada,	118	160	12	10			96	1			2	2	195			750 00	Ada, O.
llen K. Zartman,	2	Helena,	98	52	8		16	11	92					2	150			550 00	Helena, O.
[illegible] H. Loose,	1	Bellevue,	170	130	2		6		130	10			1	1	100		15 00	650 00	Bellevue, O.
[illegible], Supply,	1	2d Tiffin,	245	118	28		21	5	241	2		16	3	1	175	2	239 00	430 00	Tiffin, O.
[illegible], Supply,	2	Fort Seneca,	120	75	9	1	1	2	110				2	2	130		90 00	325 00	"
[illegible]od, Supply,	1	St. Jacob's,	46	42	6				45			2	2	1	62		10 00	130 00	"
[illegible] Supply,	3	Berwick,	100	70	5			2	99	3			1				63 00	285 00	"
[illegible] J. Baichly,	2	Liberty Centre,	95	40	1	4	8	12	75						75		6 00		Liberty Centre, O.
[illegible]nepper, Lic.,		Prof. Heidelberg Coll.																	Tiffin, O.
[illegible]cese,																			Sandusky City, O.
[illegible]uick,		Invalid,																	Tiffin, O.
[illegible] H. Derr,		Without Charge,																	Henry, Ill.
[illegible]irus P. Moore,		Licentiate,																	Millersville, Pa.
[illegible]cob Ihle,		"																	Burr Oak, Mich.
Total, 18.	28		1953	1266	109	37	184	71	1571	19		22	28	19	2018	3	$688.00	$7,542.00	
St. John's Classis.																			
avid Kæmmerer, D. D.,		Without Charge,																	Wooster, O.
eter Herbruck, D. D.,	1	Canton,	470		87		21	10	470			8	26	1	175		$114 00		Canton, O.
ohn G. Zahner, D. D.,	3	Shanesville,	170	150	16		25		145				6	2	125		87 00		Shanesville, O.
eter Greding, D. D.,	3	New Philadelphia,	293		23		26		259	13			12	2	175		53 00	$2,900 00	New Philadelphia, O.
rederick Schaad,	3	Good Hope,	290	325	35		18		260				10	3	156		22 00	500 00	Rogersville, O.
hilip Becker,		Without Charge,																	Mt. Eaton, O.
erman Kortheuer, D.D.,	1	Massillon,																	Bucyrus, O.
egfried Thomas,	3	Alliance,	146	118	10	1	15	4	143	5				2	115		96 00	500 00	Malvern, O.
ohn Biery,	3	Black Creek,	215		14		14		190				6	2	55		40 00	500 00	Walhonding, O.
eorge W. Henning,	2	St. Paul's,	45	35					20	2		1	1	1	75		7 00		Canton, O.
ohn B. Maurraire,*	1	St. Paul's, French,	180		15									1	82				Mt. Eaton, O.
onathan A. Novinger,	2	New Bedford,	350	300	32	1	12		325				8	1	150	1	62 00		New Bedford, O.
enry Nau,	1	St. Paul's, German,	300						151				2	1	175		22 00	487 00	Mt. Eaton, O.
/. H. Wittenwieler,	2	Rogersville,	323		22		23		143	6		4	8	2	107	1	167 00	823 00	Rogersville, O.
. L. Mueller,	1	St. Stephen's,	85		8		5		80				8	1	50			572 00	Wheeling, W. Va.

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Henry H. Zink,	3	Old Town,	204		25		16		204				12	1			$17 00		Stone Creek, O.
Julius Herold,	1	Akron,	360	190	42		19		360	2			25	1	160		92 00		Akron, O.
Edmund Erb,	1	Apple Creek,	97	38	8	1	5	8	88		1		6	1	60		30 00	$456 00	Apple Creek, O.
Joseph L. Schatz,	4	Peace Charge,	272	163	7	2							1	3	145		21 00		Randolph, O.
John M. Grether,	1	Osnaburg,	116	175	10		5	1	116				8	1	50	1	16 00		Canton, O.
Vacant,	1	St. Jacob's,																	
"	1	St. Peter's,*	105		2	1	5		19				1	1	25				
Frederick Strassner,	1	Orrville,	275	200	27	1	16	12	205	11			8	1	175	1	50 00	900 00	Orrville, O.
Vacant,	2	Mineral & Wensb'rg,†																	
"	1	Helvetia (W. Va.),																	
Moritz Noll,	1	Bellaire,	137	70	42		11		62					1	70				Bellaire, O.
Milton H. Grob,																			Lake, O.
Frederick Griese, Lic.,		Without Charge,																	Barnsburg, O.
Total, 23.	43		4433	1764	420	7	236	35	3240	39	1	13	148	29	2125	4	$846.00	$7,638.00	
. Eastern Ohio Classis.																			
John Meckley,	2	Springfield,	230	198	23	3	19	5	203	4		44	15	1	96		$103 00	$450 00	Petersburg, O.
Michael A. Miller,	2	Carrollton,	349	69	11	12	25		275	10			11	1	210		49 00	945 00	Carrollton, O.
John M. Kendig,	1	Columbiana,	164	84	17	2	6	4	120			3	4	1	161		48 00	1335 00	Columbiana, O.
John J. Leberman,	3	Louisville,	425	105	30	5	39	17	335	5		2	7	3	345	1	57 00	950 00	Louisville, O.
Edward H. Otting,	5	Warren,	210	140	12				195			37	7	3	140		58 00	668 00	Warren, O.
Jacob B. Zumpe,	3	Canfield,	250	150	20														Canfield, O.
Henry Hilbish,	2	Mt. Olivet,	231	145	18	1	15	17	175	4		21	5	2	225		19 00	1050 00	North Lima, O.
James T. Hale,	2	New Lisbon,	160	70	7			3	130				3	1	115		46 00	525 00	New Lisbon, O.
Frederick F. Christine,	1	New Jefferson,	101	52	5		1	3	86	2		7	4	1	85		80 00	325 00	Germano, O.

"	1	St. Martin's,†	40	14	8				40	2				1	85		$34 00	$850 00	Malvern, O.
"	1	Leetonia Mission,	23	14					23										Leetonia, O.
Total, 10.	25		2243	1071	140	28	105	49	1631	27		114	56	15	1467	1	$494.00	$6,618.00	
Illinois Classis.																			
l Lantz,	2	Foreston,	96	64	5		4		96	2			3	1	50		$20 00	$550 00	Foreston, Ill.
A. Sites,	3	Dakota,	67	37	2		1	8	60			1	3	2	60		68 00	550 00	Dakota, Ill.
seph Sechler,	1	Damascus,	27	15	1				27					1	45		10 00	80 00	Lena, Ill.
Ottmar Esselborn,	1	Loran,	80	68	7				70			1	1	1	38			300 00	Loran, Ill.
John Kercher,	2	Washburn,	100	75					100			45		1	60				La Rose, Ill.
Frederick W. Stump,	4	Orangeville,	89	27	2				65	2			2	‡4	240		5 00	425 00	Orangeville, Ill.
William G. Hackman,																			Burr Oak, Mich.
	1	Freeport,	82	14	7		5	5	70	12		2	2	1	60	1	12 00	350 00	Freeport, Ill.
Total, 7.	14		541	300	24		10	13	488	16		49	11	11	553	1	$115.00	$2,255.00	
8. *Shelby Classis.*																			
Jeriah S. Shade,	3	Astoria,	81	75	7				72				2	2	72		$4 00		Astoria, Ill.
Simon P. Myers,	4	Anna,	178	110	8	19	26	5	174	2			1	3	165		28 00	$911 00	Anna, Ill.
Daniel K. Fulcason,		An Invalid,																	Blue Mound, Ill.
Robert F. Oplinger,	3	Mt. Zion's,	114	103					80					2	150		20 00		Edinburg, Ill.
John Naille,																			Lyons, Ill.
Vacant,	3	Altamont,	87	57					71										Altamont, Ill.
"	2	Shelbyville,	80						70					1	65		12 00	15 00	Shelbyville, Ill.
Total, 5.	15		540	345	15	19	26	5	467	2			3	8	452		$56.00	$926.00	
9. *Iowa Classis.*																			
Frederick C. Bauman,	3	Harmony,	135	95	9	2	15	8	115	12		3	5	2	125		$115 00	$305 00	Zwingli, Iowa.
Dewalt S. Fouse,	4	Tipton,	136	63	8	2	4	19	128	4	1	5	4	2	115		89 00	1825 00	Lisbon, Iowa.
Cyrus Cort,	3	Maquoketa,	58	45	7	9	17	7	58	3		10	1	2	65		25 00	600 00	Maquoketa, Iowa.

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John A. Smith,	2	Boulder,	89	47	8	2	14	4	83			1	3	2	75		$20 00	$240 00	Anamosa, Iowa.
David P. Lefever,	1	Pleasant Valley,	30	39	4			10	28					1	41		21 00	203 00	Essex, Iowa.
George M. Albright,	3	Wilton and Clifton,	321	121	7	5	7	3	200	3			5	2	160		100 00	1471 00	New Lisbon, O.
George H. Albright,	2	Brandon,	92	73	1	1	1		60				1	1	40		14 00	160 00	Brandon, Iowa.
Jacob Kuhn,	2	Millersburg,	50	39	8		6	34	40				2				2 00	50 00	Millersburg, Iowa.
George Weber,	2	Eldorado,	20	20													1 00		Vinton, Iowa.
Samuel C. Long,	2	Licentiate,																	Maquoketa, Iowa.
Total, 9.	22		931	432	52	21	64	80	712	22	1	19	21	12	621		$387.00	$4,854.00	
10. *St. Joseph Classis.*																			
Andrew Butt,	1	Montpelier,	16	9				2				2						$40 00	Montpelier, O.
Wm. H. Fenneman,	3	Union,	131	82	4			1	115	2	1			2	105		$17 00	474 00	Waterloo, Ind.
Lewis Grosenbaugh,	1	Three Rivers,	215	60	12	3	30	25	190				1	1	125		33 00	700 00	Three Rivers, Mich.
Jerome B. Henry,	3	Marshall,	148	101	8	1	1		126	1				5	281		43 00		Plymouth, Ind.
Scott F. Hershey,	2	Rochester,	47	19	1	4	10	15	46				1	1	38		10 00	381 00	Denver, Ind.
Reuben Keller,	2	Neriah,	53	42						1				2	150				Erie, Mich.
Jonas Michael,	3	Winamac,	120	80	7		1	4	100	1			3	3	150		7 00	390 00	Winamac, Ind.
John R. Skinner,	3	Bunker Hill,	126	2	2	18	30	5	78	9		12		1	75		47 00	603 00	Pulaski, O.
Elias Spangler,	1	Farmer,	27			1	9		27			5		1	40			10 00	Edgerton, O.
[illegible]erick Wall,	2	Bluffton,	100				7		80				3	1	60		19 00		Bluffton, Ind.
[illegible] Williard,	3	White Pigeon,	145	65	5	5	6	2	136				2	3	185		20 00	1245 00	White Pigeon, Mich.
[illegible] Ziegler,	2	Zion,	98	55	4	6	10	9	95			1	1	2	200		37 00	1650 00	Goshen, Ind.
[illegible]ugh, Supply,	1	Colon,	30		1				27				1	1	110		1 00	25 00	Three Rivers, Mich.
[illegible] "	1	Park Grove,	56	15	3		14	2	56								7 00	250 00	" " "
[illegible] "	1	Clay Pool,	45	13	4	1	13	6	45					1	78		13 00	175 00	Rochester, Ind.

[illegible],	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
H. Leutzinger,		Without Charge,																	Sturgis, Mich.
Daniel Kroh,		" "																	Erie Mich.
David H. Reiter,		" "																	Berrien Springs, Mich.
Total, 17.	82		1481	622	52	60	136	76	1235	15	1	20	18	26	1697		$269.00	$5,943.00	
11. *Cincinnati Classis.*																			
Wm. F. Horstmeier,	2	Ev. Reformed Church,	147	80	12			2	135				1	1	75		$58 00	$700 00	Millville, O.
John Heckman,	1	Salem's Church,	741	425	85		52	18	710	2		6	44	1	390	2	840 00	2000 00	Cincinnati, O.
[illegible] R. Huecker,	1	Ref. Church, Cov., Ky.,	202	133	29		11	20	151	3		8	5	1	150		81 00	1150 00	Covington, Ky.
[illegible]techow,	6	Beaver Church,	250	195	27		22		200	2			6	4	160		32 00	540 00	Beavertown, O.
[illegible]neman,	5	Jackson Charge,	254	128	33		4		151			2	4				37 00	725 00	Beaver, O.
[illegible]an,	1	1st Reformed Church,	430	310	31		12	8	390		1		15	2	230	1	249 00	1550 00	No. 64 15th St., Cin., O.
	3	Rising Sun,	172	123	15		2		171				5	3	80		20 00	1400 00	Rising Sun, Ind.
[illegible]ütenik,	2	Arnheim,	80	100	20			5	80		9		8	2	85		6 00	500 00	Higginsport, O.
[illegible]ensmeier,	1	Ironton,	160	94	15		11		150				3	1	115		35 00	900 00	Ironton, O.
[illegible]ccola,	1	2d Reformed Church,	233	119	4		13	2	160			18	4	1	178	1	109 00	955 00	Dayton, O.
[illegible]anhart,		Without Charge,																	Cincinnati, O.
Vacant,	1	Piqua, Zion's Church,	84	54	2		1		53					1	45				Piqua, O.
Total, 11.	24		2703	1761	273		128	55	2352	7	10	34	95	17	1503	4	$967.00	$10,420.00	
12. *Kansas Classis.*																			
Joseph A. Keller,	1	Denver Mission,	41	86	10		3	6	31				3	2	110		$32 00	$385 00	Denver, Col.
John A. Nicolai,	3	Wathena "	171	140	9		13		†84	1			†3	2	†105		†9 00	†164 00	Wathena, Kan.
Emanuel Richards,	3	Brown Co. Mission,	48	53	1	1	1	4	48					1	25		6 00	250 00	Grand Prairie, Kan.
Elias Bauman,	1	Turkey Creek Miss.,‡	71	73	16		2		54				7	1	40		7 00	110 00	Abilene, Kan.
Joseph H. Schlappig,	1	Ravanna Mission,	17	30			1		9					2	50				Ravanna, Mo.
	1	Hiawatha,§	40																Hiawatha, Kan.
Emanuel Schultz,*																			Long Island City, N.Y.
Daniel J. Greenawald,																			Sebatha, Kan.
Total, 6.	10		388	382	36	1	20	10	226	1			13	8	330		$54.00	$909.00	

* Dismissed to North Classis of Long Island, Reformed (Dutch) Church. † Report of two congregations only. ‡ Supplied by Rev. E. Bauman.
§ Lately taken charge of by Rev. Abraham Bolliger.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	No. of Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	CONTRIBUTIONS.		Minutes.
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Miami	1	27	50	4,295	1,282	159	201	397	208	3,719	82	2	113	75	45	4,245	2	$938 00	$14,712 00	167
Lancaster	1	14	29	2,295	900	99	38	137	48	1,893	22	4	12	37	25	1,508	2	827 00	7,826 00	77
Tuscarawas	1	15	47	2,757	1,232	107	59	214	87	2,058	17		7	41	38	2,615	6	1,391 00	11,227 00	190
Tiffin	1	18	28	1,953	1,266	109	37	134	71	1,571	19		22	28	19	2,018	3	688 00	7,542 00	112
St. John's	1	23	44	4,433	1,764	425	7	236	35	3,240	39	1	13	148	29	2,125	4	846 00	7,638 00	75
Eastern Ohio	1	10	25	2,243	1,071	140	23	105	49	1,631	27		114	56	15	1,467	1	494 00	6,618 00	140
Northern Illinois	1	7	14	541	300	24		10	13	488	16		49	11	11	553	1	115 00	2,255 00	30
Shelby	1	5	15	540	345	15	19	26	5	467	2			3	8	452		56 00	926 00	20
Iowa	1	9	22	931	432	52	21	64	80	712	22	1	19	21	12	621		387 00	4,854 00	26
St. Joseph's	1	17	32	1,481	622	52	60	136	76	1,235	15	1	20	13	26	1,697		269 00	5,948 00	55
Cincinnati	1	11	24	2,703	1,761	278		128	55	2,352	7	10	34	95	17	1,503	4	967 00	10,420 00	28
Kansas	1	6	10	388	332	36	1	20	10	226				13	8	330		54 00	909 00	21
	12	162	340	24,560	11,307	1,496	464	1,607	737	19,592	268	19	408	541	253	20,134	28	$7,032.00	$80,870.00	941

Total Statistical Summary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

SYNODS.																				
Synod in the U. S.	8	204	430	63,081	37,224	5,357	219	3,623	1,147	50,628	559	13		2,353	468	33,730	67	$22,782 00	$200,717 00	
Synod of Ohio	12	162	340	24,560	11,307	1,496	464	1,607	737	19,592	268	19	408	541	253	20,134	28	7,032 00	80,870 00	
Synod of the Northwest	9	182	202	16,459	13,048	1,627	9	989	762	13,185	230	111	11	482	164	9,692	18	7,980 00	58,032 00	
Synod of Pittsburg	5	52	114	9,722	7,536	702	23	500	208	8,473	156	1	46	228	96	5,680	14	5,816 00	54,000 00	
Synod of the Potomac	6	122	247	26,230	16,223	1,621	143	1,200	456	22,085	290	2		721	219	15,175	31	13,928 00	85,624 00	
German Synod of the East	5	38	86	7,736	5,655	1,520	22	537	411	6,728	68	28	52	567	37	5,551	4	4,194 00	52,686 00	
Total Synods, 6.	45	710	1,369	147,788	90,993	12,323	880	8,456	3,716	120,681	1,566	174	512	4,887	1,237	80,082	157	$61,727.00	$531,929.00	

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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OF THE

Reformed Church

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AT

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FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in Convention in the Reformed Church at Goshen, Elkhart County, Indiana, on Wednesday, the first day of October, at seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred aud seventy-nine, and closed its sessions on the following Monday evening at nine o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, pursuant to adjournment, convened in Convention, and, after singing, and prayer by the President, Rev. John M. Kendig, proceeded, according to Article V., of the Rules of Order, to effect a permanent organization by the enrollment of its members and the election of its officers.

The synodical sermon was preached on Thursday evening by the retiring President, Rev. John M. Kendig, from Jeremiah i. 9 and 10: "*Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.*" THEME: *The call and preparation for the ministry.*

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Miami.	David Winters, D. D.	George F. Wentz.
	William McCaughey.	Lewis Mease.
	Henry M. Herman.	John Zitzer.
	Daniel R. Taylor.	Robert S. Martin.
	Jonathan C. Beade.	James Swander.
	William A. Hale.	William Kefauver (1).
	Peter C. Prugh.	Joseph F. Kemp.
	Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Andrew H. Baughman.
	Samuel Mease, D. D. (2).	
	Ephraim M. Epstein, M. D. (3).	
	Milton F. Frank (4).	
Lancaster.	Silas P. Mauger.	
	Jacob Klingler.	
	Michael Loucks.	
	Joseph W. Barber.	
Tuscarawas.	Theodore J. Bacher.	George Souder.
	Charles M. Schaaf.	
	Silas B. Mase.	
Tiffin.	Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	
	Herman Rust, D. D.	
	Geo. W. Williard, D. D.	
	Lewis H. Ketauver, D. D.	Edward Swander.
	Amos Casselman (5).	
	William J. Peters.	
	Allen K. Zartman.	
	Nathaniel H. Loose.	
	Alpheus E. Baichly (6).	Andrew Sohn (7).
	John J. M. Gruber (8).	Samuel Hetrick.

1. He took his seat on the morning of the second day (Thursday) of the sessions.
2. He took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.
3. He took his seat on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.
4. He took his seat on the morning of the second day of the sessions.
5. He took his seat on the morning of the second day of the sessions.
6. He took his seat on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.
7. He took his seat on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.
8. He took his seat on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Eastern Ohio.	John J. Leberman.	Lewis Conrad (1).
	Henry Hilbish.	
	James T. Hale.	
	John M. Kendig.	
	Frederick F. Christine.	
	Frank C. Witthoff.	
	Henry T. Spangler (2).	Benjamin Firestone.
Northern Illinois.	Daniel Lantz.	
	Isaac A. Sites.	
	Frederick W. Stump.	
	William G. Hackman.	
Shelby.	Simon P. Myers.	
Iowa.	Cyrus Cort (3).	
St. Joseph's.	Lewis Grosenbaugh.	Jeremiah Smith.
	Jerome B. Henry.	John Zechiel.
	Scott F. Hershey.	
	Reuben Keller.	Samuel Rauch.
	Edwin R. Williard.	Amos Mericle.
	William H. Ziegler.	Jacob Pfeiffer (4).
	David H. Reiter.	John S. Snyder.
	Jacob Ihle.	
	Henry Bair.	
Cincinnati.	No members present.	
Kansas.	No members present.	

ADVISORY MEMBER.

From Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod.—Rev. Thomas F. Stauffer.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Harvey L. Vannuys, Presbyterian Church.
" L. M. C. Weicksell, Lutheran Church.
" N. H. Phillips, Methodist E. Church.
" A. W. Lampart, Methodist E. Church.
" A. Greenman, Methodist E. Church.

1. He took his seat on the afternoon of the second day of the sessions.
2. He took his seat on the third day of the sessions.
3. He took his seat [illegible] second day of the sessions.
4. He took his seat [illegible] third day of the sessions.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John J. Leberman, *President*, Louisville, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, *Cor. Secretary*, West Alexandria, Ohio.
Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Synod's Rules of Order, a copy of which was distributed to each member of Synod, were observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined by Synod to extend to the *seventh* pew from the front of the pulpit.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of Synod:

The Morning Sessions to open at eight and a half and close at eleven and a half o'clock, and the first half hour to be spent in devotional services.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at two and close at five o'clock.

There was a session held on Monday evening.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

Religious Services—Revs. William H. Ziegler, Jacob Klingler, William J. Peters; Elders Benjamin Firestone and Jeremiah Smith.

Synodical Minutes—Revs. Peter C. Prugh, Herman Rust, D. D., Frederick F. Christine; Elders John Zitzer and John Zechiel.

Minutes of Classes—Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Edwin R. Williard, Charles M. Schaaf, Michael Loucks, James T. Hale; Elders George F. Wentz and John S. Snyder.

Overtures—Revs. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., Henry M. Herman, Silas B. Mase; Elders Edward Swander and Samuel Rauch.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination—Revs. Daniel Lantz, David Winters, D. D., Nathaniel H. Loose; Elders Robert S. Martin and Samuel Hetrick.

State of Religion—Revs. John M. Kendig, Allen K. Zartman, Isaac A. Sites; Elders James Swander and Amos Mericle.

Missions—Revs. William A. Hale, Jerome B. Henry, Jonathan C. Beade; Elders Lewis Mease and Edward Swander.

Theological Seminary—Revs. Theodore J. Bacher, Daniel R. Taylor, Lewis Grosenbaugh; Elders Joseph F. Kemp and Lewis Conrad.

Heidelberg College—Revs. Reuben Keller, Wm. G. Hackman, William McCaughey; Elders Andrew H. Baughman and John S. Snyder.

Sunday Schools and Catechisation—Revs. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Jacob Ihle, Jacob Klingler; Elders John Zitzer and Jeremiah Smith.

Publication—Revs. Silas P. Mauger, Scott F. Hershey, Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.; Elders Lewis Conrad and Benjamin Firestone.

Finance—Revs. Henry Hilbish, Frank C. Witthoff, David H. Reiter; Elders Geo. F. Wentz and Samuel Hetrick.

Nominations—Revs. William McCaughey, Joseph W. Barber, Herman Rust, D. D.; Elders Andrew H. Baughman and James Swander.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, Shelby, Iowa, St. Joseph, and Cincinnati, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the committee on those subjects.

2. The reports of the Board of Trustees and of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, together with the report of the Treasurer, and that of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Theological Sem-

3. The report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, and that of the Financial Agent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College.

4. The reports of the Board of Home Missions, and of its Treasurer, together with that of the Missionary Superintendent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

5. The reports of the Board of Church Erection, and of its Treasurer, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

6. The report of the Board of Sunday-schools was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools.

7. The report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

8. The report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

9. Several resolutions of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, having reference to the "Peace Commission," were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

10. Some other communications were received and also referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report presents the facts in each case.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its present sessions, observed the follow[illegible] religious services:

1. The sessions throughout were opened and closed with re[illegible]ious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services sub[illegible] their report, which was received, and as amended adopted. [illegible] is as follows:

The Committee on Religious Services would submit the fo[illegible]ing report:

Reformed Church.—Thursday evening: synodical sermo[illegible] retiring President, Rev. J. M. Kendig. Friday evening: se[illegible] subject missions, Rev. T. J. Bacher. Saturday: afternoo[illegible] paratory service—sermon, Rev. D. Winters, D. D., and [illegible]

service, Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D.; evening, Sunday-school lecture, Rev. W. A. Hale. Sunday: morning, Communion Sermon, Rev. J. J. Leberman; liturgical services, Rev. P. C. Prugh; assisted in the opening and closing services by Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., and Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D.; afternoon, Sunday-school addresses, Revs. M. Loucks, P. C. Prugh, S. Mease, D. D., F. F. Christine, and Elder H. Leonard; evening, sermon, Rev. H. Hilbish, followed with the ordination of licentiate John J. M. Gruber, by the officers of Synod (October 5).

M. E. Church.—Saturday evening, Rev. S. P. Myers. Sunday: morning, Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., and evening, Rev. S. F. Hershey.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday: morning, Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., and evening, Rev. H. T. Spangler.

Baptist Church.—Sunday: morning, Rev. W. McCaughey, and evening, Rev. N. H. Loose.

Eng. Lutheran Church.—Sunday evening, Rev. A. K. Zartman.

Ger. M. E. Church.—Sunday evening, Rev. H. Rust, D. D.

Pike Street Mission.—Sunday evening, Rev. D. R. Taylor.

Reformed Church, Millersburg.—Sunday morning, Rev. H. M. Herman.

Reformed Church, White Pigeon.—Sunday morning, Rev. S. P. Mauger.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. ZIEGLER, *Chairman.*

The religious services, as appointed by the Standing Committee, were severally observed.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Synod, two copies of which, together with a copy of the Minutes of the last General Synod, being received through the Stated Clerk, were referred to the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes. This committee presented the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item, and adopted as a whole:

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes have examined the last Minutes of this Synod, and also the Minutes of the General

Synod of 1878, and would report the following items requiring Synod's attention:

Item 1, page 29. Is the appointment of Superintendent of Missions.

Item 2, page 29. The several Synodical Boards required to report to this Synod are as follows:

a) The Board of Home Missions, page 30.
b) The Board of Church Erection, page 30.
c) The Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary, page 39.
d) The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, page 39.
e) The Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, page 46.
f) The Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College, page 46.
g) The Board of Trustees of Christian Aid Society, page 48.
h) The Sunday-school Board, page 51.
i) The Board of Trustees of Synod, page 52.
j) The Board of Publication, page 63.

Item 3, page 31. The Church Erection Board is instructed to pay interest due on notes by any means they may devise.

Item 4, page 33. The Church Erection Board is instructed to attend to the interest of the St. Paul's Reformed Church, at Greenville, Ohio, and, if deemed advisable, adopt a plan for the liquidation of its debt.

Item 5, page 32. Tuscarawas Classis is requested to reconsider its action on the indebtedness of Synod's Board of Missions, and acquiesce in the apportionment.

Item 6, page 32. Is the renewal of a request to Iowa Classis to bring its missions under the care of Synod's Board.

Item 7, page 51. The Classes are requested to report the best plan of uniting the catechetical and Sunday-school activities.

Item 8, page 51. The Sunday-school Board is requested to make the proper arrangement for a Synodical Sunday-school meeting to be held in the Reformed Church at Goshen on Friday evening.

Item 9, page 55. Synod instructs its Trustees to accept of Dr. J. H. Good's proposition to publish the new Reformed Church Hymnal.

Item 10, page 60. The Treasurers of the Boards of the Theological Seminary and of Heidelberg College are required to give bonds.

Item 11, page 66. Synod apportions $389, current expenses of Synod during the year, among the different Classes.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Item 12, page 43. *a*) Is an expression of Synod that all the Home Missions of the Church should be brought under the direct control of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions as speedily as possible.

b) That, in the meantime, the Boards of Missions of the district Synods be requested to report to the Board of the General Synod, at least one month before its triennial meeting, a statement of their labors and their financial condition, and that each Synod be requested to send a copy of its annual Minutes to the Board of the General Synod.

Item 13, pages 45, 83. The attention of the district Synods is called to the apportionment due the Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension made in 1874, and they are requested to notify delinquent Classes to pay over to the Treasurer their apportionments as soon as possible;

And (page 83), also, the delinquent Synods are earnestly requested to meet their indebtedness to the Board of Church Extension without delay.

Item 14, page 51. Is a recommendation to the Western Synods to consider the importance of establishing an Orphan Home in some central portion of their territory.

Item 15, page 73. The attention of this Synod is directed to the condition of things existing between the Milwaukee and Northern Illinois Classes with reference to the Loran congregation.

Item 16, pages 74–77. Is the action of the General Synod upon the appointment of a "Peace Commission."

a) This Synod is asked to appoint Peace Commissioners.

b) Synod's attention is called to this subject, to the end that special prayer be offered to God in behalf of the Commission to be appointed, and its great work, in the regular service, and in weekly prayer-meetings, and at the time when the Commission shall meet for deliberation.

Item 17, page 82. Is an apportionment to this Synod of $250, as part of the expenses incurred in holding the late meeting of the General Synod.

Item 18, page 92. The General Synod will hold its next triennial meeting in the Reformed Church at Tiffin, Ohio, on the eighteenth of May, A. D. 1881, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: The items adopted were 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 17 and 18; for action in items 1, 2, *a* and *b*. 12, *a*, and 13, see Article XIII., Missions; for action in item 2. *c* and *d*, see Article XIV., Theological Seminary; for action in item 2, *e* and *f*, see Article XV., Heidelberg College; for action in items 2, *g*, and 14, see Article XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; for action in item 2, *h*, see Article XVII., Sunday Schools; for action in items 2, *i*, 9, 10, 15 and 16, see Article XX., Church Government; for action in item 2, *j*, see Article XXI., Publication; item 12, *b*, was adopted, and the Board of Missions instructed to comply with the request of the General Synod.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole; and is as follows:

The Committee, to whom was referred the Minutes of the several Classes, would respectfully offer the following as their report:

I. Irregularities.

Item 1. Miami Classis considered an item in Synodical Minutes that had been definitely settled.

Item 2. Lancaster Classis convened at a different place from the one appointed at its preceding annual meeting.

Item 3. Cincinnati Classis neglected to install Rev. A. Toensmeier in his field of labor.

Item 4. Kansas Classis failed to send a copy of its Minutes to Synod.

Item 5. Tuscarawas Classis failed to fix the hour of the day for its next annual meeting.

Item 6. Shelby Classis met and transacted business without calling its roll.

Item 7. Northern Illinois Classis recognized Rev. J. H. Derr as a regular member of Classis, while he was still in official connection with Tiffin Classis.

Item 8. Iowa Classis directs the attention of Synod to the fact that its Stated Clerk inserted the name of Samuel C. Long in the statistical table while he was a licentiate of Mercersburg Classis.

II. Requests and Recommendations.

Item 9. Miami Classis requests Synod to say whether classical parochial reports can be referred to the Committee on the State of Religion without first being publicly read.

Item 10. Cincinnati Classis requests to be dismissed in order to form a new German Synod with Erie, Heidelberg and St. John's Classes of the Synod of the Northwest.

Item 11. Eastern Ohio Classis requests Synod to explain its action with respect to incorporating in the parochial reports the number of subscribers, etc., to the *Christian World*, etc. (See Min. Synod, p. 63.)

Item 12. Iowa Classis requests Synod to hold its annual sessions in the latter part of October, or the first part of November.

Item 13. St. Joseph Classis requests Synod to open a column in the statistical report, in which shall be stated the number of copies of church papers taken in the different charges.

Item 14. Tuscarawas Classis requests Synod to allow them the privilege of canceling a certain church debt with their benevolent contributions.

III. Appeals and Complaints.

Item 15. Cincinnati Classis complains of the unequal assessments of Synod—apportioning to the Tuscarawas Classis only $27 of its contingent expenses, and to the Cincinnati Classis $47.

IV. Subjects Referred to Classes.

Item 16. Miami, Tiffin, East. Ohio, Tuscarawas, Iowa and Shelby Classes took favorable action on the request of Synod to unite, as far as possible, the catechetical and Sunday-school activities.

Item 17. Miami, Lancaster, East. Ohio, Tuscarawas, Shelby, Tiffin and St. Joseph Classes comply with Synod's request to increase the circulation of the Sunday-school publications.

Item 18. Miami, Lancaster, St. Joseph, East. Ohio and Tiffin Classes comply with the request of Synod to examine whether our Sunday-schools are actively engaged in the benevolent enterprises of the Church.

Item 19. Iowa and Shelby Classes comply with Synod's request to organize Sunday-school conventions.

Item 20. Tuscarawas and Iowa Classes do not comply with Synod's request to dissolve their Missionary Boards.

Item 21. Tuscarawas Classis refuses to comply with the request of Synod, with reference to its apportionment on the indebtedness of the Missionary Board.

Item 22. Shelby Classis accedes to Synod's disposition of the Naille case.

Item 23. Iowa, Lancaster, St. Joseph and Shelby Classes comply with Synod's request to incorporate in the parochial reports a column which will indicate the number of subscribers to the *Christian World*, and the East. Ohio Classis excuses her members from doing the same.

Item 24. Tuscarawas Classis refuses to acquiesce in Synod's instruction with respect to the aforesaid subject.

Item 25. Shelby Classis respects Synod's request concerning the traveling expenses, but can not see its way clear to carry into effect the request.

Item 26. Tuscarawas Classis complies with Synod's request to carry on her missionary operations through Synod's Board of Missions.

Item 27. Northern Illinois Classis finds it impossible to increase the circulation of our Sunday-school publications, and has no plan for uniting the Sunday-school and catechetical activities.

Item 28. Miami, Tiffin, East. Ohio, Iowa, St. Joseph and Tuscarawas Classes accept Synod's apportionment for contingent expenses.

V. Licensure, Ordination, Reception and Dismission.

Item 29. Miami Classis dismissed licentiate F. C. Witthoff to the Classis of Eastern Ohio; Rev. Hiram Shaull and Rev. L. M. Kerschner to the Tuscarawas Classis. Received Rev. W. M. Andrews from the Tuscarawas Classis, and ordained J. E. Dingeldine.

Item 30. Lancaster Classis received Rev. H. H. Sandoe from the Tuscarawas Classis, and dismissed Rev. H. T. Spangler to Eastern Ohio Classis.

Item 31. Tuscarawas Classis dismissed Rev. H. H. Sandoe to the Lancaster Classis; Rev. W. M. Andrews to the Miami Classis, and the licentiate A. L. Hassler to the St. Joseph Classis. Re-

ceived Rev. H. Shaull and Rev. L. M. Kerschner from the Miami Classis, and ordained licentiates Silas B. Mase and J. H. Steele.

Item 32. Tiffin Classis licensed licentiate Jacob Ihle; licensed and ordained D. J. Greenawald; dismissed licentiate J. P. Moore to the Lancaster Classis of the Synod in the United States; licentiate Jacob Ihle to St. Joseph Classis; Rev. D. J. Greenawald to Kansas Classis; Rev. L. Richter to the Presbyterian Church in Kansas, and Rev. J. H. Derr to the Northern Illinois Classis, and received Rev. J. H. Hunsberger from the Philadelphia Classis of Synod in the United States.

Item 33. Eastern Ohio Classis received Rev. G. M. Albright from the Iowa Classis; licentiate F. C. Witthoff from the Miami Classis; H. T. Spangler from the Lancaster Classis; and ordained licentiate F. C. Witthoff.

Item 34. Iowa Classis received licentiate Henry Keller from the the West Susquehanna Classis of Synod in United States; licentiate Samuel C. Long from the Mercersburg Classis, Eastern Synod; Revs. John Rettig and George Rettig from Ursinus Classis, and Rev. Thos. S. Land from Lebanon Classis of Synod in United States. Dismissed Rev. John Rettig to Zion's Classis, and ordained the licentiates Henry Keller and Samuel C. Long.

Item 35. St. Joseph Classis received Rev. P. J. Spangler from Tuscarawas Classis; Rev. S. Ream and licentiate Jacob Ihle from Tiffin Classis, and Rev. H. Bair from Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburg Synod. Dismissed Rev. F. Wall to the Ft. Wayne Presbytery of Presbyterian Church, and ordained licentiate Jacob Ihle.

Item 36. Northern Illinois Classis received Rev. J. H. Derr from Tiffin Classis.

Item 37. Cincinnati Classis dismissed Rev. F. W. Berleman to Indiana Classis; Rev. C. H. Schoepfle to Heidelberg Classis, and Rev. C. F. W. Stechow to St. John's Classis. Received Rev. O. J. Accola from Erie Classis of Northwestern Synod, and licensed and ordained Wm. F. Horstmeier.

VI. Annual Meetings of Classes.

Item 38. Miami Classis will meet at Bloom Center, Ohio, on Thursday, in May (20), A. D. 1880, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. G. Z. Mechling, President; Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk, and Mr. A. H. Baughman, Treasurer.

Item 39. Lancaster Classis will meet at Stoutsville, Ohio, May

7, 1880, at 7 P. M. Rev. Austin Henry, President; Rev. G. H. Leonard, Stated Clerk; Rev. S. P. Mauger, Treasurer.

Item 40. Tuscarawas Classis will meet at Marshallsville, Ohio, on the first Thursday after the 20th of May (27), 1880. Rev. S. B. Leiter, D. D., President; E. P. Herbruck, Stated Clerk; T. W. Chapman, Treasurer.

Item 41. Tiffin Classis will meet at Helena, Sandusky Co., Ohio, on Thursday, the 19th of August, 1880, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Jesse Richards, President; Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 42. Eastern Ohio Classis will meet at St. Jacob's Church, Ohio, on the first Wednesday after Whit Sunday, May (19), 1880, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. T. Spangler, President and Treasurer; Rev. J. J. Leberman, Stated Clerk.

Item 43. Iowa Classis will meet at Lisbon, Linn Co., Iowa, on Wednesday, September 22, 1880, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Henry Keller, President; Rev. D. S. Fouse, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 44. St. Joseph Classis will meet at Fulton, Michigan, on the first Friday of May (7), 1880, at 7 P. M. Rev. D. H. Reiter, President; Rev. E. R. Williard, Stated Clerk; Rev. W. H. Ziegler. Treasurer.

Item 45. Northern Illinois Classis will meet in Freeport, Illinois, the first Thursday in September (2), 1880, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Joseph Sechler, President and Treasurer; Rev. F. W. Stump, Stated Clerk.

Item 46. The Shelby Classis will meet at the Mt. Zion Church, in Christian Co., Illinois, on Tuesday evening at 7:30, at or before full moon, on June 22, 1880. Rev. R. F. Oplinger, President; J. S. Shade, Stated Clerk; Elder John Runkle, Treasurer.

Item 47. Cincinnati Classis will meet on the first Thursday after Pentecost (20th of May, 1880), at 7:30, in the Zion's Reformed Church, at Piqua, Ohio. Rev. B. R. Huecker, President; Rev. J. Bachman, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: The items adopted were 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22 to 47 inclusive; item 3 was adopted and the attention of Cincinnati Classis called to this neglect; item 9 was adopted, and the attention of Miami Classis directed to the Constitution; for action in item 11, see Article XX.,

Church Government; item 13 was adopted and St. Joseph Classis referred to the action of General Synod, Minutes 1878, pages 61 and 62; item 14 was adopted, and Tuscarawas Classis referred to Synod's action, Minutes 1878, page 32; item 15 was adopted, and referred to the Committee on Finance; items 20 and 21 were adopted, and Tuscarawas and Iowa Classes requested to reconsider their action and comply with the request of Synod.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was received, and having been considered item by item, adopted as a whole; and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Overtures beg leave to report as follows:

Item 1. A letter from Rev. J. Naille, of Iowa, complaining of the action of Shelby Classis in his case.

Item 2. A letter and documents from Rev. Wm. Hansen, asking Synod to assist him in collecting from the Iowa Classis a debt of $100, due him from said Classis.

Item 3. A letter from Rev. J. H. Good, D. D.; submitting to the judgment of Synod (a) a new arrangement of the Heidelberg Catechism now in press, and (b) a children's catechism, intended for Sunday-schools and families.

Item 4. A letter from N. L. Brewer; Esq., requesting Synod to make some modifications in the terms on which he purchased the Students' Home property.

Item 5. A letter from Rev. W. F. Horstmeier, Corresponding Secretary of Cincinnati Classis, transmitting the action of that Classis requesting a dismission from the Ohio Synod for the purpose of forming a new Synod.

Item 6. Resolutions of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States with respect to the Peace Commission.

Item 7. A letter from Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst with reference to the work of the Reformed Church in Nebraska, and asking for the help and sympathy of this Synod.

Item 8. A letter from Rev. Wm. J. Shuey, printer of the *Christian World*, having reference to the future publication of that paper.

Item 9. An application from Mr. John J. M. Gruber, asking to be licensed, ordained and installed in the Ada Charge.

Item 10. A regular dismissal from the Theological Seminary to Mr. John J. M. Gruber, and a recommendation for examination and licensure.

Item 11. An application from Mr. Anson L. Hassler to be examined and licensed by this Synod.

Item 12. A letter from Rev. John Pence, making some suggestions on Temperance and other subjects.

Respectfully submitted,

JEREMIAH H. GOOD, *Chairman.*

The disposition of the report is as follows: For action in items 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, see Article XX., Church Government; for result reached in item 4, see Article XIV., Theological Seminary; for action in item 7, see Article XIII., Missions; for disposition of item 8, see Article XXI., Publication; for action in items 9, 10 and 11, see Article XI., Examination, Licensure and Ordination; and item 12 was referred to the Committee on the State of Religion, whose report is included under Article XII., Religion and Morals.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application having been made in behalf of John J. M. Gruber and Anson L. Hassler, students of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, and regularly dismissed therefrom, for examination and licensure, they were referred to the Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination. This Committee, during the morning session on Saturday, October 4, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave to report:

That they have examined the applicants, John J. M. Gruber and

Anson L. Hassler, in the studies prescribed in the theological course, and find the examination satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL H. LOOSE,
DAVID WINTERS,
ROBERT S. MARTIN,
SAMUEL HETRICK, } *Committee.*

On motion,

Resolved, That John J. M. Gruber and Anson L. Hassler are hereby licensed to preach the gospel, and that the officers of Synod are instructed to furnish them with a certificate of licensure, upon their signing the *Formula*, as prescribed by the Constitution.

Resolved, That John J. M. Gruber be referred to the Tiffin Classis, and Anson L. Hassler to the St. Joseph Classis.

During the afternoon session on Saturday, a call from the Ada Charge in Hardin County, Ohio, to the licentiate John J. M. Gruber, was laid before Synod. The call was found in order, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That this call be confirmed, and that the officers of Synod be appointed a Committee to ordain him to the Christian ministry, in connection with the divine services on Sunday evening (October 5). At the appointed time, after a sermon based on 3 John iii. 8, by Rev. Henry Hilbish, the Committee, consisting of Revs. John J. Leberman, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., and Henry M. Herman, attended to the duty assigned them, in the Reformed Church at Goshen, Indiana.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—In considering the reports on this subject coming to us from the various Classes, we find clear statements of difficulties and successes, and the materials are so abundant that it is difficult to gather up the different elements, and present them as a unit. As a result of our studies of those reports the following is presented:

We observe that with one voice the Classes unite in ascribing praises to God for his manifold blessings vouchsafed them during the year—blessings to body and soul. Far greater than the sorrows arising from toil and trials appear the evidences of God's grace, for which all agree in giving thanks to Almighty God.

The general duties of the ministers are all referred to in greater or less degrees of fullness. The Classes unite in testifying to the faithfulness of the clergy, as they draw this testimony from parochical reports, and from examination of elders. Abundant privileges are given to the people, by the ministry, to hear the truth by the preaching of the word. The results flowing from this is seen in the greater interest taken by the Church in the worship of God, in the increase of a religious spirit, and in the improvement in morals, and also in the additions made to the Church from the world.

The duty of infant baptism is apparently well attended to; and, judging from the general tenor of nearly all the reports, this part of of Christian life is receiving more and more attention. It is also evident that the duties of parents and the Church to children are not supposed to end with their admission to the Church, but that this followed, as it always ought to be, by their instruction in the truths of the Gospel. The Catechetical Class and the Sunday-school are shown to be dear to the hearts of our people. One report says: "New efforts are being put forth for the education and instruction of children in the doctrine and duties of our holy religion;" and another, that "in Sunday-school and catechetical work a more general interest is awakened;" and another, that these "are being vigorously prosecuted," and that "new classes have been instituted in the congregations." Wherever reference is made, the opinion is expressed that these elements of work are receiving much attention, and growing in favor with the people.

The Lord's Supper receives from all reports the attention it deserves. Its precious blessings are appreciated in all the churches, and the purpose for which it was instituted is being realized by thousands of saints.

Prayer-meetings, in many localities, seem not to receive the attention they deserve. More complaints are made in this direction than any other, while one report complains that there are pastors who do not report this service at all.

In relation to all these elements the general tenor is favorable; but we are not to suppose that grievances will never come to light. These are indeed not few. There exist everywhere, in differen:

degrees, neglect of the regular Lord's day service, of prayer-meeting and of Sunday-school; a want of interest in the general work of the Church, a want of liberality, and these constitute causes for regret. One report mentions "encumbrances and debts as barriers in the way of uniform growth;" another deplores the existence and depressing influences of "soul-destroying literature," and that "Sabbath desecration" is seen in many places. Benevolence, in reference to the operations of the Church, is represented as increasing. The different branches of church work are said to be of more interest to the people than formerly, and that larger sums of money are being contributed. All express a hope that our benevolences will become yet dearer to the hearts of our people, resulting in yet larger measures of liberality.

It becomes also a sad duty to record the loss of no less than *five* of our fellow-ministers by the hand of death. And yet we would not feel sad as those who have no hope, but rather rejoice that they have gone to their reward in the Church triumphant, as we fondly hope. Of these some were called home after many years of service, and others who seemed to be in the full flush of mature manhood. Miami Classis drops from its roll the names of Rev. Fathers Solomon K. Denius and Christian Berentz; Tuscarawas Classis misses from its councils Rev. Jesse Hines; Eastern Ohio Classis mourns the loss of Rev. Geo. M. Albright, and Lancaster Classis has lost the help of Rev. Charles W. Hoyman. The Classes all bear testimony to the worth and excellent Christian character of the brethren called away. In the mysteries of the divine government they are called up higher, and while those who knew them well shall miss them here below, we bow reverently to the will of our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well.

We are yet under instruction to continue our work. Let us in reverence and faith go forward in the Master's service. Let gratitude to God for his mercies in the past, a profound consciousness of the importance of our labors, and a firm trust in God, be ever-present in our hearts. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

(*For Statistical Reports see Appendix.*)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

The following reports were received and considered by Synod:

I. The Annual Reports.

1. *Report of Board of Home Missions of Ohio Synod.*

To the Ohio Synod:

Reverend Brethren—Your Board of Home Missions begs leave to report on its work for the past Synodical year, which, while it has been arduous and intricate, and the responsibility seriously felt by us, continues to be the work of interest and greatest moment to our Church. The magnitude of the work has not at all been fully compassed by the efforts of the Board; not owing to a lack of realization of its extent and importance, but, rather, owing to the very peculiar circumstances under which, as a Board, we found ourselves, by virtue of a lack of funds and a somewhat incomplete action of Synod, when this Board and the Superintendency of Missions were created. These facts, together with the varied interpretations of the duties of the Superintendent, throughout our ministry, have made our task no easy one. We have nevertheless gone forward in the fear of the Lord, and done what we could in this most interesting field of church activity.

It will be borne in mind that the Board was composed of entirely new members, and at its organization is indebted for kind counsels to Drs. Kefauver and Williard, members of the former Board.

The Board was organized June 10, 1878, electing Rev. T. J. Bacher, President, and Rev. J. J. Leberman, Secretary and Treasurer. Rev. J. M. Kendig, Missionary Superintendent, elected by the Synod, was sent to his work, as we interpreted it, September 1, 1878, and by the good providence of God has uninterruptedly prosecuted his work.

Missions under our Direct Care.

1. *Brown County Mission, Kansas,* served by Rev. D. J. Greenawald; appropriations, $150.

Its condition is very encouraging, and bids fair erelong to be self-supporting. It has been presented with a town lot in Sabetha, by the Land Company of that place, on condition that it erect thereon, within one year from the date the conditional deed was executed,

either a church edifice or parsonage. The condition complied with, the deed is to be a warranty deed. Progress has attended the efforts of pastor and people to construct a parsonage, both of whom are greatly devoted to the work; and an amount has been secured sufficient to secure the enterprise, lacking $100. Some brethren from the East have already assisted, and still others should. This accomplished, the Mission will be self-supporting. The Mission is served in both languages at points where it is required; has three organized congregations, ninety-eight members, seventy-eight baptized members, two Sunday-schools. The increase of membership for the present year is twenty-seven.

Two other points, Sabetha and a Swiss settlement six miles from a point already served by Bro. Greenawald, will doubtless soon be available for organization.

2. *Hiawatha, Kansas,* served by Rev. A. Bolliger; appropriation, $200.

This Mission is laboring hard to pay off its church-debt, and deserves mention as being in every way progressive. It is served in the German language exclusively, though its pastor is striving to acquire the English language. Its membership is 140; baptized 125; Sunday-school scholars, ninety-five. Increase during two years, twenty-seven members.

At the suggestion of Rev. A. Bolliger, the appropriation will be reduced to $100 the ensuing year.

3. *Denver, Colorado,* served a partial year by Rev. J. A. Keller, and supported during his sojourn in Denver. The Mission was dismissed to the Board of Home Missions, Synod of the Northwest, at the request of the Mission itself, together with an overture from the Board of the Synod of the Northwest. It was transferred June 4, 1879.

4. *Ravanna, Missouri,* unsupplied.

Missions under Classes operating through the Board.

1. *Erie, Michigan,* under St. Joseph Classis, served by Rev. R. Keller; appropriation, $100.

The Charge has been revived spiritually and numerically, and hopeful signs of prosperity are visible, though these do not promise that the Charge will soon be self-sustaining.

2. *Fostoria, Ohio,* under Tiffin Classis, served by Rev. A. Casselman; appropriation, $100, to cease April 1, 1880, and the Charge will be self-supporting. The congregation and friends have

erected in the growing town of Fostoria a neat frame church, costing $2,000, which was dedicated September 28, clear of all incumbrances. Pastor and people deserve great credit.

3. *Somerset, Ohio*, under Lancaster Classis, served by Rev. M. Loucks; appropriation, $300. This appropriation is the largest made to any Mission, and it is hoped soon to be canceled by a process of reconstruction. Charity and charitable disposition on the part of some neighboring Charge might do much to lift this burden from our Missionary Treasury. May the Lord lead the way erelong.

4. *Jerusalem*, under Lancaster Classis, served by Rev. J. W. Barber; appropriation, $250.

5. *Marshallsville, Ohio*, under Tuscarawas Classis, served by Rev. C. M. Schaaf; appropriation, $200.

This Mission is in a healthy condition. The remaining debt on the church has been provided for by available subscriptions, and a neat little parsonage provided for in the same manner. This congregation will erelong be self-supporting.

6. *Jefferson, Ohio*, under Eastern Ohio Classis, served by Rev. F. F. Christine; appropriation, $100, for one year only. This point has shown itself quite worthy of the care and money bestowed upon it.

The Denver Mission, as to results that followed, over which many regrets have been expressed throughout the Synod, deserves special notice at this point, both in justice to the Rev. J. A. Keller and as explanatory of the Board's action in the premises.

1. The Denver Mission had constitutionally provided the privilege of German and English services.

2. Upon this guarantee the Rev. J. A. Keller held services in both languages, and for a long time with entire satisfaction to the Mission.

3. Upon this guarantee the Rev. J. A. Keller collected in various parts of the Church funds to liquidate the debt on the building, and in good faith and with constitutional indorsement represented the Mission as a German-English Mission.

4. The debt thus partially provided for, the Mission, through its Consistory, repudiated the constitutional provision, on language, and defiantly opposed further English services, though these were a small part of the regular services.

5. Upon the basis of the above action, which might cast suspicion upon the statements of Rev. J. A. Keller, when acting as

soliciting agent for the Mission, in the interest of erasing its debt, the same determined to show himself innocent and free from such uncalled-for repudiation, and accordingly resigned his commission at Denver on August 20, 1878, and it was accepted by the Board.

6. The Board, according to the request heretofore mentioned in our report, did, on the fourth day of June, 1879, transfer the Denver Mission to the Board of Home Missions of the Synod of the Northwest, accompanied with a protest against the conduct of the Mission and the instigators of its action.

It is with serious regret that such must be the final report of Denver Mission, which, for a long time, had been nourished by one Synod and supported in large majority by English and joint-language congregations throughout Ohio and the East. It is almost a question, with us, as to whether the God of our fathers, who is "no respecter of persons," will prosper a cause in which is at work so exclusive and paralyzing a policy. But knowing his mercy and the plentitude of his forgiveness, we commend the Denver Mission to his care and guidance, with gratitude for the good already accomplished, and prayer for the salvation of souls and God's own glory through its instrumentality. Amen.

Our Missionaries

Occupying mission posts, both in the West and in our bounds, deserve great credit for their fidelity and favor from the Church at large. They meet with discouragements, but none have been willing to forsake the good work even though it has required self-denial and patience. May the Master own and bless these dear brethren.

Missionary Superintendent and his Work.

This office, to which the Rev. J. M. Kendig was called by the voice of the Synod at Xenia, was assumed, with its responsibilities, by him September 1, 1878. With the varied interpretations of the members of Synod, as to what this office really *was*, and as to its *exact sphere*, the Board moved prayerfully and carefully in setting Bro. Kendig to work. The Board felt the serious lack of funds, but much more did it regret the spirit of lethargy and almost censurable indolence and opposition with which a part of our ministry and membership seemed pervaded. To send a Missionary Superintendent to the West, to explore fields and organize congregations, with nothing with which to equip them, seemed utterly preposter-

ous. The Board accordingly felt that missionary work was first of all necessary here among our own pastors and people. No plan seemed therefore so feasible to us as the plan of first waking the ministry and membership of the Synod to a sense of the great importance of our mission work. Accordingly, we sent the Superintendent face to face with many of our ministers and charges, hoping thereby to create a missionary conscience, and literature, throughout the Church. The free discussion of our needs as a Church, our wasting fields in the West, together with solicitation for funds, to our mind was the first step necessary. This work was performed by our Superintendent, so far as time would allow: spending in this sphere seven months, going to the West or Kansas two months, and giving about three months of his time to the Board of Church Erection.

An authorized agent, sent by Synod, would do much to impress the membership of our Zion (as we believe it has already) with the great importance of this aggressive work.

Superintendent sent to the West.

The Board felt constrained, in order to find data upon which to base its operations for the ensuing year, to send Bro. Kendig to the West. The chief reasons for this step were the following:

1. To impress the scattered members of our Zion in the West that the Church is still solicitous for their spiritual well-being.

2. To encourage our self-denying missionaries at work there.

3. To gather tangible evidence as to communities and fields ripe for organization.

4. To compute by this testimony the number of men needed and the amount of funds necessary to carry on this work more immediately pressing upon us.

Fields are open and await organization. *Men* are ready to lay hold of the work. *Funds* are slow in coming in, and here do we find the great impediment to our most needed advance in this work wherein our Church is the most reticent. The report of the Superintendent will particularize on this part of our work.

Results of Superintendent's Efforts.

As to whether our efforts in directing the Superintendent's work have achieved any good results the Synod must decide. It must be remembered that this whole plan was somewhat problematical, even to the Synod; and that much is to be gleaned by experience that

otherwise can not be attained in this branch of church work. The Board indulges the hope that its efforts to make this new office conducive to tangible results, in working up a missionary sentiment throughout the Synod, and otherwise expanding the boundaries of our Church, geographically and spiritually, may meet with Synod's approval, and that the result attained may give new impetus and life in the sphere of Home Missions.

The Board is also of opinion that one year's experiment in this new departure of Home Mission work is *too* meager to base upon it final decision as to the utility of the office. It, therefore, suggests the continuance of the office, and recommends the recommissioning of its present worthy incumbent.

The Superintendent's Salary.

It will well be remembered that the Synod, at Xenia, in creating this new office, stipulated his salary at $800, and traveling expenses. Thus far the Synod did well, but failed to secure for the Board the wherewithal with which to recompense its servant. The Board, therefore, devised a plan for securing the $800, stipulated by Synod, by informally organizing the "Ministerial Missionary Association of the Ohio Synod." It was expected by the Board that the salary of the Superintendent could be realized from subscriptions by the ministerial brethren, and that, at least, one hundred ministers could be found who could give the average sum of $8 in quarterly installments, and thereby reserve all the contributions of the Church for direct missionary appropriation.

An appeal and obligation was therefore sent out to the ministry, the whole subject plainly presented in the columns of the *Christian World*, and, though we blush to say it, many ministers have been found who never read our specifications and plans. The Board is of opinion that many ministers in the Ohio Synod might profitably ponder over the inspired truth, that "faith without works is dead."

Notwithstanding the neglect cast upon our efforts (the only alternative almost left the Board), the sum of $280 was realized, and measurably aided us in paying our Superintendent. The Board most heartily recommends this plan, in case the office of Superintendent of Missions continues under its authority, for the ensuing year.

Quite a number of the ministry have nobly responded, some paying the sum of $5 per quarter. Beware, dear brethren, that in point of benevolence ye be *blind leaders*, and then go into lamen-

tation over the coldness and disinterestedness on the part of your people. "Be ye ensamples to the flock."

Thorough Organization for Mission Work

In our congregations can not be more effectually accomplished. doubtless, than by the plan set forth under the name of "Auxiliary Missionary Society;" adopted by our congregation at Xenia, Ohio. and already indorsed by Miami Classis.

We recommend to Synod this plan, and its printed form of constitution, as worthy of Synod's recommendation to the several congregations within its bounds. The want of systematic effort is largely a fault of our pastors and churches in benevolent enterprises of our churches. May God grant that every minister and flock may realize that this is the time to shake off the shackles of carelessness and indolence, and go to work in the fear of the Lord and by the mighty Spirit of our Holy God.

Points in Prospect in our Midst.

Fort Wayne.—The Board of Home Missions of the General Synod has urgently overtured our Board to take up a mission point in the city of Fort Wayne. This, upon examination by some of the members of our Board, is deemed a wise and necessary step that should be taken without further delay. Ten or twelve families can be secured who will serve, when organized, as a nucleus for an English organization. The city is large, the sinners are many, the German churches in their youthful membership are growing more English, the grace of God is powerful and mighty to save. A devoted and consecrated minister, by the support of the Church and under the gracious guidance of God's Spirit, can accomplish more at this point for our Church than any point in our personal acquaintance. The appropriation would not be less than $800, less the amount paid by the Mission itself for his support. May we prayerfully hope that we can enter upon this important work at Fort Wayne by the churches' timely encouragement and help.

Cleveland, Ohio.—To mention the name of Cleveland is to introduce the Synod to a large waste of her material and an enormous lack of interest in one of the most promising fields in the State of Ohio. The German mind is astonished at the snail-like operations of our English churches in the great work of Home Missions. Shall we be sustained in our effort to organize an English Mission at Cleveland, Ohio?

Paulding County is an inviting field, and must soon be looked after.

Michigan has many waste places, where a small appropriation would compound itself in a few years.

Points of Prospect in the West.

Salina, Kansas, ought to have a man at once, and it is our intention to commission a man as soon as our finances will allow.

Holton, Kansas, also awaits our early assistance. It is a point bright in prospect.

Prospectus as to Funds needed.

For Missions we will probably need the following amounts, viz:

To pay on the Debt of the Board, . .	$ 500
To support Missions in the West, . .	1,300
" " " our Synodical Bounds,	2,200
Total, ...	$4,000

Come up to the help of the Lord in this great work, dear brethren.

To the Great Head of the Church, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we commend this Synod and its hour of golden opportunity and weighty responsibility, for protection and guidance, even for his name's sake. Amen.

The Board calls attention to the fact that the time of Robert Bell, as a member of the Board, expires with the sessions of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE J. BACHER,

President Board of Home Missions.

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2. *Report of Treasurer of Home Missions.*

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions, of the Ohio Synod, of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Moneys received from May 8, 1878, to October 1, 1879.

DR.

Bunker Hill Charge, Rev. J. R. Skinner	$19 00
Mr. H. W. Vogt	5 00
Louisville Charge, Rev. J. J. Leberman	74 91
Beaver Congregation, Rev. S. B. Yockey	18 96
Brown County Mission	3 33
Zion's Charge, Rev. W. J. Peters	154 22
Bloomville Charge, Rev. S. Shaw	22 70
Amount carried forward	$298 12

Amount brought forward	$298 12
Missionary Association, Northern Illinois Classis, F. Brown	148 00
Mt. Carmel Charge, Rev. A. Hawker	31 15
Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D	90 00
Germantown Charge, Rev. P. C. Prugh	41 14
Springfield Charge, Rev. J. Meckley	37 60
First Reformed Church, Tiffin, Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D	101 72
Eastern Ohio Classis, per Treasurer	77 00
Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D	2 00
Rev. S. Mease, D. D	8 15
Somerset Charge, Rev. M. Loucks	18 25
Conrad Tice	50
Rev. G. W. Henning	7 55
Mt. Olivet Charge, Rev. H. Hilbish	30 25
Fostoria Charge, Rev. A. Casselman	29 00
Carrollton Charge, Rev. M. A. Miller	18 75
Jerusalem Charge, Rev. J. W. Barber	21 50
Rev. J. H. Good, D. D	38 54
Basil Charge, Rev. G. H. Leonard	60 50
Canal Winchester, Rev. S. P. Mauger	65 00
Rev. F. W. Stump	4 00
Warren Charge, Rev. E. H. Otting	41 31
Rev. H. Rust, D. D	12 00
New Lisbon Charge, Rev. J. T. Hale	44 40
Canfield Charge, Rev. J. B. Zumpe	35 05
Rev. J. M. Kendig	20 00
St. Joseph's Classis, Rev. R. Keller	44 00
Rev. I. A. Sites	3 75
Rev. F. C. Witthoff	2 00
Rev. J. A. Keller	8 00
Miamisburg Charge, Rev. Wm. McCaughey	34 41
Shelby Classis, John Runkle	5 41
Rev. T. J. Bacher	7 50
Brown County Mission, Rev. D. J. Greenawald	23 38
Hiawatha Mission, Rev. A. Bolliger	31 70
Rev. J. S. Shade	2 17
West Alexandria Charge, Rev. H. M. Herman	89 16
Shenandoah Charge, Rev. J. V. Lerch	6 00
Springboro Charge, Rev. R. B. Reichard	45 00
Fremont Charge, Rev. J. Richards	40 31
Ada Charge, Rev. L. Richter	11 00
Women's Missionary Association, Xenia, Miss S. Hivling	46 00
Bellevue Charge, Rev. N. H. Loose	39 38
Mr. W. E. Schmertz, Christmas gift	25 00
Delaware Charge, Rev. J. Vogt	41 25
Thornville Charge, Rev. F. C. Yost	82 75
Stoutsville Charge, Rev. J. Klingler	27 40
Union Charge, Rev. H. H. Sandoe	65 03
Lancaster Charge, Rev. J. M. Kendig	23 06
Beaver Congregation, J. Herring	10 00
Columbiana Charge, Rev. H. T. Spangler	70 39
Canal Winchester Sunday School, F. P. Brown	2 07
New Madison Charge, Rev. J. Steiner	10 00
Rev. C. M. Schaaf	5 00
Homer Congregation, Rev. L. M. Kerschner	8 50
Rev. A. Henry	6 00
Board of Church Erection, Rev. J. M. Kendig	23 26
Fairview, Indiana, Geo. Sites	5 00
Amount carried forward	$2,125 36

Amount brought forward	$2,125 36
Jefferson Charge, Rev. F. F. Christine	46 80
H. Snyder	2 85
Rev. D. Winters, D. D.	25 00
First Reformed Church, Dayton, Wm. Kefauver	16 00
Liberty Center, Rev. A. E. Baichly	20 00
Broken Sword, Rev. E. D. Wettach	5 75
Tuscarawas Classis, T. W. Chapman	285 49
	$2,517 25
Balance due Treasurer	50 67
	$2,567 92
Additional receipts from Lancaster Classis, per Treasurer,	444 97
	$3,012 89

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Rev. W. H. Ziegler	$10 00
Rev. A. Bolliger	10 16
Rev. E. Richards	3 33
Rev. A. Casselman	17 20
Rev. J. H. Schlappig	78 16
Rev. A. Bolliger	180 24
Rev. J. A. Keller	143 50
Rev. E. Richards	69 21
Rev. P. C. Prugh	105 60
Rev. J. V. Lerch	19 84
Rev. R. Keller	44 00
Rev. A. Casselman	181 40
Rev. D. J. Greenawald	194 35
Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., money borrowed	74 52
Rev. F. F. Christine	30 50
Rev. J. M. Kendig	766 93
Treasurer and Secretary books, stamps, printing, etc	15 42
Rev. M. Loucks	174 38
Rev. J. W. Barber	138 44
Rev. L. C. Edmonds	25 25
Tuscarawas Classis, Hon. T. W. Chapman	285 49
	$2,567 92
Additional expenditures of Lancaster Classis	444 97
	$3,012 89

INDEBTEDNESS.

Louis Keller	$408 00
Rev. A. Bolliger	75 30
Rev. J. A. Keller	835 75
Rev. J. A. Nicolai	122 50
Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D.	100 00
Rev. J. M. Kendig	200 00
Rev. J. J. Leberman	50 67
	$1,792 22

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of Superintendent of Missions.*

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—As a servant of this body, elected and called by it to an office of responsibility and trust, it is incumbent also to report to you the labors of the year: Much of the matter usually found in such a report, after consultation with the Board, has been incorporated in their report, which will necessarily render this chiefly a personal narrative.

In accordance with your will, as expressed at Xenia, Ohio, I resigned my pastorate, and entered upon my new work September 1, 1878. What those duties were, were purposely left undefined by Synod. Very largely my efforts for the year have been of a tentative nature. Experiments here and there, inquiries as to proper methods, consultation with the brethren, finally resulted in a year's work that may be summarized as financial visitation for Boards of Church Erection and Home Missions, and missionary visitation and explorations, thereby consuming the major part of the year.

Canvassing for the Board of Church Erection in Miami Classis consumed almost three months of the year. So far as this canvass resulted financially it was a failure. The point had in view was to secure funds for the payment of the debt now resting on the Greenville (Ohio) Church. The method pursued was to secure in cash or notes an amount sufficient to pay the debts, the notes being void if enough was not gained. As the amount raised did not cover the debt, the project failed. So nearly one-fourth of my time was gone and little accomplished.

The results attending the canvass for Home Missions were attended with better success. My visits for this purpose extended into Miami, Lancaster, Tiffin and Eastern Ohio Classes, in all of which considerable work was done, with an encouraging degree of success. In a majority of congregations collections were taken in the missionary services held, which very often were supplemented by subsequent visits to those not present in the services. In most of the congregations where Home Missions were presented, I found, as a rule, a commendable degree of willingness to contribute. If it had been possible to canvass all our congregations, the results would have been far better. As it is, the financial showing for the year affords room for encouragement.

It is a fact that the Board was not as generously sustained by

a portion of the ministers and elders and congregations as we had a right to expect. Nevertheless, the financial affairs of the Board are favorable. The Treasurer's report indicates that his receipts have been in excess of previous years of from fifty to one hundred per cent., as can be seen by comparison. This does not equal the sanguine expectations of many brethren, but it does exceed that in which the Board indulged when it began its work. It has borne the additional burdens of my salary and traveling expenses, has carried along its missionaries, and it reports to this Synod about $200 less debt than was bequeathed to us by the previous Board. The question, as to whether the plan adopted by Synod is a success, will be answered in view of these facts in accordance with the previous expectations. While the Board feels that there is no room for boasting, we do feel that there is abundant room for gratitude to God for his help and blessing.

Another element of my work was that of missionary explorations and visitations. During the year I visited a number of our missions, and also a number of points supposed to be favorable missionary places. Springfield was canvassed with results of a somewhat doubtful character. Six or seven weeks were also spent in exploring a number of places in Kansas. Those that present the most favorable view are Holton, Salina, Emporia, Sterling and Lyons. Nearly as good are Washington, Atchison, Wichita, Larned, Zion's Valley and Spearville. These all indicate the necessity of labor and expense on the part of the Church. The experiences of the year have been varied. I owe many thanks to those kind brethren who have in word and deed manifested their interest in me and my work.

I have labored in this capacity as efficiently as I could. With everything to learn, my progress was necessarily slow, and results not what I wished. That there is room for criticism I well know, and I do not ask for any special degree of leniency in that direction. It is your right to scrutinize closely, it was my duty to do my work. I have tried faithfully to do it.

As I do not wish to continue any longer in this work, I herewith submit my resignation of the office of Superintendent of Missions, and kindly ask you to accept of the same, and so relieve me from the duties pertaining thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Superintendent.*

The Standing Committee on Home Missions, to whom was referred all the papers relating to our mission work, beg leave to present the following report:

We received considerable literature bearing upon the subject—papers that are full of the spirit, animus and energy of the true missionary, and indicating such advancement and progress that we are led to exclaim, "Bless the Lord for his goodness, and his mercy endureth forever." More money has been collected, more missionary sermons preached, more work done, and the Church is more in earnest than ever before. We are fully justified in the hearty indorsement of the wisdom of Synod in the appointment of a Superintendent of Missions. We are sanguine that the revival spirit has just begun, and that for many days we will be gathering the wholesome results of last year's energetic effort. And while we must lament that so much was left undone by the Church in his support, we yet congratulate ourselves upon the results of Rev. J. M. Kendig's work.

In consequence of the thorough discussion of the subject by the Board and the Superintendent, we call your attention to the following items claiming your consideration:

1.. *Resolved*, That we return our sincere gratitude to the Superintendent of Missions for his efficient labors in the work imposed upon him.

2. WHEREAS, The Superintendent has discharged the work for which he was appointed, and the end of the office for the present has been attained; and,

WHEREAS, He has received a call from a field urgently in need of a pastor, and one to which he is eminently adapted; and,

WHEREAS, He has tendered his resignation to the Synod for the purpose of accepting said call; therefore,

Resolved, That his resignation be accepted, with the prayers of this Synod for his usefulness in his pastorate.

3. WHEREAS, There seems to be an urgent necessity for a Missionary Superintendent; therefore,

Resolved, That we fix the time for the election of said Superintendent on Saturday afternoon, at the close of the preparatory services.

4. Greenville Mission has been taken under the care of Miami Classis, and the debt of said mission has been assumed by said Classis.

Resolved, That we heartily indorse the action of Miami Classis in this matter.

WHEREAS, The Greenville Mission is now vacant, and is one of our most important points,

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be directed to make such an appropriation as may enable said mission to secure an acceptable and efficient missionary.

5. Tuscarawas Classis has been engaged in the support of two missions within her bounds, both of which are important, and in the one, viz: the Canton Mission, the Classis has assumed a debt of $400, thereby insuring its success.

Resolved, That we approve this action of said Classis, and pray the blessing of God upon them.

6. President's report. We recommend to the attention of Synod the following items of said report:

a.) Brown County Mission, Kansas, served by Rev. Daniel J. Greenawald. This seems to be a promising mission.

Resolved, That said mission be commended to the continued support and care of the Board of Missions.

b.) The missions under Classes numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, in the President's report, indicate an activity on the part of the various Classes that is encouraging, and your Committee have no suggestions to make.

7. Your Committee, with the view of inciting to aggressive work, recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions give their attention, in the fullest measure, to the work in the West, where important fields are open and awaiting preliminary help toward organization, with a special reference to central points.

8. Your Committee further recommend that there be an apportionment made among the Classes, for the benefit of the Board, of $1,792.22, being the amount of the Board's indebtedness.

9. Your Committee have examined the request of Rev. Chas. G. A. Hullhorst, and recommend that his request be referred to the Board of Missions.

10. Church Erection. Your Committee have examined the report of the Board, and find an indebtedness of $2,200, of which amount $700 is interest. We therefore recommend that the $700 interest be apportioned among the Classes, with the view of enabling the Board to pay this part of the debt.

11. WHEREAS, There has been an increase of missionary interest

among our people during the past year, and as in this most important work lies the extension of our Master's kingdom and of our Church; therefore,

Resolved, That we urge upon our pastors the organizing of missionary societies in each of their congregations.

Resolved, That there be taken in each pastoral charge, where missionary societies are not organized, a special collection annually for missions on the first Sunday in October and on Easter Sunday, or as nearly as possible to the Lord's Days here specified.

Resolved, That the various Classes be urged to see that the above action be executed.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. HALE, *Chairman.*

In immediate connection with the adoption of the foregoing report, the following action, introduced by Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., with respect to Foreign Missions, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States heartily approves of the action of the General Synod in regard to the subject of Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That the cause of Foreign Missions, which is in full accord with the spirit and purpose of Christianity, is earnestly recommended to the Church as an object eminently worthy of her confidence, prayers and contributions.

Resolved, That the action of the Board of Foreign Missions in the appointment of Rev. Ambrose D. Gring as missionary of the Reformed Church to Japan, is hereby approved by this Synod, and he in his labors is earnestly commended to the sympathy and prayers of the Church.

III. Election of Board of Home Missions.

Rev. Theodore J. Bacher, *President*, Wooster, Ohio.
Rev. John J. Leberman, *Secretary*, Louisville, Ohio.
Rev. John J. Leberman, *Treasurer*, Louisville, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1880.

Rev. Theodore J. Bacher. Rev. Henry Hilbish.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. John M. Kendig. Rev. John J. Leberman.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss. Mr. Robert Bell.

IV. Election of Board of Church Erection.

Rev. Peter C. Prugh, *President*, Germantown, Ohio.
Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *Secretary*, Xenia, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1880.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Rev. Henry M. Herman.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Peter C. Prugh.

The following action, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Board of Church Erection, was adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That the first sentence of Article III., of the Constitution of the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, as published in the Minutes of Synod, in 1875, page 38, be and hereby is so amended as to read as follows:

The Board shall consist of six members, of whom, at the first election by the Synod, two members shall be elected to serve for one year, two for two years, and two for three years; and, thereafter, the Synod shall at each annual meeting elect two members, who shall hold their office for three years, or until their successors are duly elected; and its officers shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

V. Election of Missionary Superintendent.

The election of a General Missionary Superintendent, as the office became vacant by the resignation of the former incumbent,

Rev. John M. Kendig, to which reference is made in the report of the Committee on Missions, was made the order of the day immediately after the preparatory services on Saturday afternoon. At the appointed time, the Synod proceeded with the election by ballot. Elder George F. Wentz and Rev. Michael Loucks were appointed tellers. The election resulted in the choice of Rev. Henry Hilbish, and, on motion, his election was declared unanimous. Thereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions be directed to make out a call to the Missionary Superintendent elect, and arrange with him the matter of salary.

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly requests that all the ministers of this Synod unite in the support and encouragement of the Superintendent elect, so that the important work to which he is called may be made a success.

On Friday evening a synodical missionary meeting was held in the Reformed Church at Goshen, on which occasion Rev. Theodore J. Bacher, President of the Board of Home Missions, preached a sermon bearing on the subject of Missions from John xx. 21. Then the importance of the work and the best means for carrying it forward were considered. Prominent among the means and agencies required, it was claimed, was that of an efficient superintendent. Immediate efforts were put forth to raise funds for the salary of the Missionary Superintendent, and about $350 in pledges were secured for this purpose. The occasion was one of interest and encouragement.

VI. Apportionment Mission Debt.

The Committee on Missions, during the afternoon session on Saturday, reported in item 8 that the indebtedness of the Board of Missions was $1,792.22; and, in item 10, that of the Board of Church Erection, as interest, $700. These items were adopted, and the amounts referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Samuel Mease, Henry T. Spangler, and Elder Joseph F. Kemp, to be apportioned among the Classes. This Committee, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was received, and, as amended, adopted:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the amounts in items 8 and 10 of the report of the Committee on Missions, for apportionment among the Classes, would report as follows:

Classes.	*Mission Debt.*	*Church Erection Debt.*
Miami	$512 10	$200 10
Lancaster	274 10	107 00
Tuscarawas	329 10	128 70
Tiffin	233 30	91 10
Eastern Ohio	267 85	104 25
St. Joseph	175 77	68 85
	$1,792 22	$700 00

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL MEASE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports were received and considered by Synod:

I. The Annual Reports.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary submit the following report:

1. After the meeting of Synod at Xenia, Ohio, the Board met and organized on the 11th of May, 1878, by the election of Rev. David Winters, D. D., of Dayton, President, Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, of Dayton, Secretary, and Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., of Miamisburg, Treasurer.

2. The attention of Synod is called to the vacancies occurring in the Board, viz: A. H. Baughman and Benjamin Kuhns.

3. For the financial condition of the Seminary, the Board refer Synod to the report of our active and efficient Treasurer.

4. In accordance with the instruction of the last Synod, the Treasurer of our Board, in due time, executed a bond for $5,000,

with approved security, which is filed with the Secretary of our Board.

5. The action of the Trustees of Heidelberg College, passed in June, 1879, in regard to the salary of Prof. E. M. Epstein, requesting the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary to acquiesce in their action, was duly received through their Secretary. This action proposed the continuance of the arrangement of the previous year. Our Board, after properly considering the matter, declined to accede to the proposition, mainly because of the want of funds.

6. A communication was received last May from Nelson L. Brewer, Esq. (who, on the 1st of April, 1873, purchased of the Board the "Students' Home Property," at Tiffin, Ohio, for the sum of $7,000), in which he asked our Board to be relieved of said property on these conditions: He agreed to give the Board the $2,000 already paid as principal, with $2,400 paid as interest up to May 1, 1879, making a total of $4,400, if the Board would take back said property. The Board, after due consideration, being impressed with the responsibility involved, especially without any instruction from the Synod, adopted, as its action in the case, the following resolution:

Resolved, That, as a Board, we can not see our way clear to comply with the proposition made by N. L. Brewer, Esq., with reference to the "Students' Home Property."

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WINTERS, *President.*

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2. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, of the Ohio Synod, of the Reformed Church, at Tiffin, Ohio.*

Moneys received during the Synodical Year ending October 1, 1879.

1878.		DR.
May 8	To balance in the treasury	$550 83
June 1	" George Bair, Astoria, Ill., interest on note	1 50
" 3	" A. A. Unger, West Alexandria, O., interest on note	1 40
" 3	" Christian Gross & Bro., Philadelphia, Pa., interest on note	30 00
" 14	" Jacob M. Meyers' estate, per D. Fager, " " "	150 00
" 17	" Daniel Wampler, Massillon, O., " " "	3 00
" 21	" John Royer, Flat Rock, O., " " "	6 00
	Amount carried forward	$742 73

		Amount brought forward	$742 73
July 5	To	Dr. David Winters, Dayton, O., interest on note	3 00
" 5	"	Dr. David Winters, Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	24 00
" 24	"	Mrs. Mary A. Winters, " " " " " "	48 00
Aug. 24	"	L. H. Diehl, Astoria, Ill., interest on note	12 00
" 24	"	Lackwell Parr, " " " " "	3 00
" 24	"	Isaac Brillhart, " " " " "	3 00
Sept. 9	"	Wm. S. Winings' estate, per administrator, interest on note	8 50
Oct. 7	"	Abel Peterson, New Burlington, O., " " "	3 00
" 7	"	J. J. Schaeublin, Bluffton, O., " " "	3 00
" 24	"	Samuel Crist, Royalton, O , " " "	6 00
Nov. 1	"	Farmers' F.M.Co., Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	80 00
" 1	"	Dayton City Bonds, semi-annual interest	280 00
" 1	"	Montgomery County Bonds, semi-annual interest	41 00
" 1	"	N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	200 00
" 2	"	Mrs. Mary A. Winters, Dayton, O., " " " "	48 00
" 2	"	D. W. Winters & Bro., " " " " " "	52 00
" 16	"	William Huber, Reily, O., " " note	1 50
1879.			
Jan. 1	"	Leonard Hoover's estate, per S. Krider, interest on note	12 13
" 13	"	First Reformed Church, Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	30 00
" 13	"	Thomas L. Prugh, Dayton, O., interest on note	1 50
" 17	"	Mast & Albert, Murray, Ind., " " "	4 00
" 29	"	Jacob Urschel, Miamisburg, O., interest on money borrowed	20 00
Feb. 28	"	Wm. Hawk's estate, Shelby, O., interest on note	12 00
" 28	"	John Strock, " " " " "	3 00
" 28	"	Jacob Briner, " " " " "	1 50
March 5	"	Christian Sandau, Cincinnati, " " " "	24 00
" 7	"	Samuel Hetrick, Ada, " " " "	3 00
" 7	"	Catharine Klingler, " " " "	3 00
April 2	"	Charles Miller, Carrollton, O., interest on money borrowed	96 00
" 5	"	Jacob Gephart, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	1 50
" 5	"	Geo. F. Medlar, " " " " "	1 50
" 29	"	First Reformed Church, Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	13 00
" 29	"	Christian Zundahl, Foreston, Ill., interest on note	12 00
May 1	"	Farmers' F.M.Co., Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	80 00
" 1	"	Dayton City Bonds, semi-annual interest	280 00
" 1	"	Montgomery County Bonds, semi-annual interest	20 00
" 1	"	Jacob Urschel, Miamisburg, O., interest on money borrowed	20 00
" 1	"	N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, O., " " " "	200 00
" 19	"	Jacob Rust, Dialton, O., interest on note	15 00
" 28	"	Jacob V. Prugh, Dayton, O., " " "	6 00
" 31	"	John Ault, Marshallsville, O., " " "	9 00
" 31	"	John Weimer, " " " " "	3 00
June 13	"	Jacob Sullivan, Rock Grove, Ill., interest on note	6 00
" 28	"	Daniel Wampler, Massillon, O., " " "	3 00
" 28	"	I. A. Fisher, Canal Fulton, O., " " "	4 50
" 28	"	Jacob M. Meyers' estate, per D. Fager, Administrator, interest in full	44 00
July 5	"	Samuel Schmitd, Dakota, Ill., interest on note	6 00
" 16	"	First Reformed Church, Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	41 00
" 22	"	Joseph Slough, Delaware, O., interest on note	18 00
" 23	"	Amos Bricker, Astoria, Ill., " " "	3 00
" 28	"	George Bair, " " " " "	75
		Amount carried forward	$2,556 11

		Amount brought forward	$2,556 11
Aug. 25	To	Christian Gross & Bro., Philadelphia, Pa., interest on note	$30 00
" 28	"	William Huber, Reily, O., " " "	1 50
Sept. 2	"	Samuel Crist, Royalton, O., " " "	6 00
" 4	"	Christian Sandau, Cincinnati, O., " " "	24 00
" 10	"	Ernst Floto, Foreston, Ill., " " "	6 00
Oct. 1	"	Samuel Hetrick, Ada, O., " " "	3 00
" 1	"	Catharine Klingler, " " " " "	3 00
" 1	"	Daniel Frantz, Dakota, Ill., " " "	6 00
" 1	"	deficit in the treasury at date	146 69
			$2,782 30

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Moneys paid out during the Synodical Year ending October 1, 1879.

	CR.
Rev. H. M. Herman, expenses to Joint-Committee at Miamisburg	$2 00
Prof. Jer. H. Good, D. D., on salary in full to August 1, 1879	1,175 00
Prof. Herman Rust, D. D., on salary in full to August 1, 1879	1,175 00
Prof. Eph. M. Epstein, M. D., on salary in full to August 1, 1879	300 00
To Treasurer on salary, per order, to May 1, 1879	100 00
For transfer record of mortgage to Prof. J. H. Good, D. D.	25
For 100 Catalogues of College and Theological Seminary, 1879	10 00
Paid charges on bank drafts, postal orders, etc.	6 15
Paid for recording mortgage of Albert H. Bruennert	90
For stationery and postage since May 8, 1878	13 00
	$2,782 30

1878.		ENDOWMENT FUND. DR.	
May 8	To	balance in the treasury	$23 88
June 1	"	cash on note of George Bair, Astoria, Ill.	12 50
" 3	"	cash on note in full of A. A. Unger, West Alexandria, O.	25 00
Sept. 9	"	cash on note in full of Wm. S. Winings, deceased, per J. C. Winings, administrator	100 00
Nov. 1	"	cash on two Montgomery County Bonds, in full	600 00
1879.			
Jan. 1	"	cash on note of Leonard Hoover, deceased, per Samuel Krider, administrator	87 87
April 26	"	cash on note of Jacob M. Meyers, deceased, per Daniel Fager, administrator	300 00
" 29	"	cash on note in full of Christian Zundahl, Foreston, Ill.	300 00
May 3	"	cash on note in full of Christian Paul, " "	50 00
" 28	"	cash on note in full of John Prugh, deceased, per J. V. Prugh, administrator	100 00
June 27	"	cash on note in full of Jacob M. Meyers, deceased, per D. Fager, administrator	200 00
July 28	"	cash on note of George Bair, Astoria, Ill.	2 25
Sept. 10	"	cash on note in full of Ernst Floto, Foreston, Ill.	100 00
			$1,901 50

1879.		FUNDS INVESTED. CR.	
May 28	By	loan on mortgage security to Albert H. Bruennert, Tiffin, O.	$1,000 00
June 3	"	loan on mortgage security to Frances M. and John F. Veon, Tiffin, O.	800 00
Oct. 1	"	balance in the treasury at date	101 50
			$1,901 50

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary respectfully offer the following as their annual report:

Soon after the last annual meeting of the Synod, the Board was organized by electing Rev. L. H. Kefauver, President, and Rev. R. Good, Secretary and Treasurer. The number of students in the Seminary during the last year was small, numbering thirteen. Three of these were regularly dismissed, leaving the number ten, all of whom were admitted since the last meeting of Synod. Their names are as follows: Isaiah S. Hahn, William. A. Miller, Lewis B. C. Lahr, John D. Neff, Madison C. Peters, William Smith, Albert Gonsor, S. R. Holtzhouser, I. H. Lippart, and P. Barringer. With a few exceptions, the examinations of the students were quite creditable, showing that they had given the required attention to their studies. Their moral deportment and religious habits are reported by the professors as being very commendable, with but a single exception.

The following resolution was passed by the Board, which is hereby submitted to the Synod for consideration:

Resolved, That the Board would overture the Synod as to the propriety of so changing the seminary year that it close four weeks before the college year; and that at that time the examinations and Commencement exercises take place.

Seven beneficiary students are receiving aid from the Board. Notwithstanding the small number, the Board has an indebtedness of about $150. The Treasurer's report, which accompanies this, will show the amount of receipts and expenditures since the last meeting of the Synod.

Greater efforts should be made to encourage indigent, worthy young men to seek a liberal education at our institutions than have been done in the past. In this way we must expect to keep the ranks of the ministry filled. Many of our most worthy and active ministers have been educated by the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER,
HENRY HILBISH,
MICHAEL LOUCKS,
GEO. W. WILLIARD,
JER. H. GOOD,
REUBEN GOOD.
Board.

4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

R. GOOD, *Treasurer, in account with Board of Education, of the Ohio Synod, of the Reformed Church.*

		DR.	
To amount in the treasury, May 8, 1878			$6 21
" amount refunded			60 00
EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.			
Rev. J. M. Kendig, Treasurer	$45 38		
Rev. H. T. Spangler, Treasurer	115 00		
Rev. J. J. Leberman, Louisville	13 50		
Rev. M. A. Miller, Carrollton	13 30		
Rev. J. T. Hale, New Lisbon	14 30		
			201 48
MIAMI CLASSIS.			
Xenia Charge	$50 65		
Rev. J. Steiner	10 00		
West Alexandria Charge, per J. Copp	20 00		
Rev. D. Winters, D. D., Zion Charge	38 00		
Rev. R. B. Reichard, Springboro Congregation	33 00		
Rev. P. C. Prugh, Germantown	5 00		
			156 65
TIFFIN CLASSIS.			
Rev. J. P. Moore, Salem Charge	$0 75		
Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., Fort Seneca Charge	14 40		
Rev. A. E. Baichly, Liberty Center	20 00		
Rev. H. Rust, D. D., Second Church, Tiffin	10 00		
Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Bascom, etc	37 65		
Rev. J. Richards, Fremont	6 00		
Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., Tiffin, First Church	5 00		
Rev. A. Casselman, Fostoria	4 75		
Rev. W. J. Peters, Zion's Charge	14 00		
			112 55
LANCASTER CLASSIS.			
Rev. S. P. Mauger, Treasurer of Classis	$125 88		
Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil	11 12		
			137 00
ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.			
Rev. W. H. Ziegler, Treasurer of Classis	$40 00		
Rev. J. Ihle	3 30		
Rev. E. R. Williard, White Pigeon	3 50		
			46 80
SUNDRY SOURCES.			
Rev. D. J. Meese	$5 00		
Rev. E. Erb	5 57		
Rev. P. Herbruck, D. D	6 00		
Rev. John Blaetgen	2 00		
W. E. Smertz, Esq.	25 00		
Rev. J. C. Klar	8 64		
Rev. J. A. Keller	2 00		
			54 21
Amount borrowed July, 1879			170 00
			$944 90

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			CR.	
By amount paid beneficiaries, as per vouchers		$676 08		
" balance of note, $417.86, borrowed June 18, 1877			192 86	
" interest on do., paid in full			36 64	
" amount paid on note of $170, borrowed June 26, 1879			20 00	
" interest on $20			20	
" blank book	$1 00			
" stamped envelopes	2 07			
" postage	50			
" printing 400 circulars	3 00			
			6 57	
" balance in treasury, September, 1879			12 55	
				944 90

DEBT OF THE BOARD.

Balance of note of $170, borrowed June 26, 1879	$150 00

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary submitted their report, which was received, and as amended, together with the preceding reports, adopted; and it is as follows:

The Committee on Theological Seminary would report that the following papers came into their hands, viz: The report of the Board of Trustees, the report of the Board of Visitors, and the reports of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer of Beneficiary Education.

Also a paper addressed to Synod from Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., of Tiffin, Ohio, containing certain propositions with reference to the property known as the "Students' Home," at Tiffin, Ohio.

The Treasurer's report is found to be correct, and is encouraging.

The Board of Trustees report that mainly for want of funds they were necessitated to bring to a conclusion the special arrangement concerning Prof. Ephraim M. Epstein as temporary Professor in the Theological Seminary, and consequently had to do without his services. On this subject the Committee would suggest the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod greatly regrets the necessity of omitting the services of Prof. Ephraim M. Epstein by virtue of the reason set forth in the report of the Board of Trustees, and that Synod hereby expresses its appreciation of and gratitude for the fidelity

with which he has discharged his professorial duties in the Seminary.

The reports indicate prosperity in this Institution of our Church, though in point of numbers the attendance has been quite meager. In point of piety, scholarship, and attainments in the science of theology, the reports inspire encouragement. The number of students in attendance upon the course of training, set forth by the laws of the Seminary, is reported to be quite small, and with reference to this matter your Committee could suggest the following action:

Resolved, That pastors and charges be urged carefully to invite young men of piety and proper mental endowments, who are disposed to love the Church and the souls of men, to embrace the opportunity of theological preparation afforded at the Seminary, and thereby replenish the ranks of a ministry so much needed in the world's Christianization.

An overture also comes to Synod from the Board of Visitors, requesting that the Seminary year be made by the action of Synod to conclude four weeks before the close of the collegiate year, and that the examinations and Commencement exercises of the Seminary be changed to correspond with said Seminary year. Your Committee recommends the following action:

Resolved, That the year for the Senior Class only be made to conclude four weeks before the close of the collegiate year, and that the Senior examination and Commencement exercises of the Seminary take place at that time, and that the recitations of the other Classes be continued, together with appropriate examinations, to the close of the collegiate year.

The Treasurer of the Board of Beneficiary Education reports a deficit in the treasury, which ought not to be; therefore,

Resolved, That greater energy be urged upon the pastors and people in support of this good cause.

The paper from Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., overturing the Synod to release him of certain obligations arising out of a purchase of the "Students' Home Property" from the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, contains two propositions, both of which contemplate the release of said Brewer from the obligations already given, and they are as follows.

"1. I will reconvey the property to the Board of Trustees for the surrender of my notes for $5,000 to me; or,

"2. I will keep the property, and pay $2,000 in addition to what I have already paid, and credit to be given me on my notes to reduce them to that amount."

Your Committee recommend the following action:

WHEREAS, Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., did purchase the Students' Home property at Tiffin, Ohio, at $7,000, a seemingly high price, and paid $2,000 cash, and gave his notes for $5,000 payable in three annual installments with eight per cent. interest; and,

WHEREAS, The said Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., has found his obligations by this purchase burdensome for him to bear, in view of the depreciation of the property in value; and

WHEREAS, The said Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., has rendered, at various times, much and valuable service for our Institutions, with little or no remuneration; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, who could not, as a Board, see their way clear to comply with his wishes, be and hereby are authorized to accept the *second* proposition of Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., made by him to this Synod, thereby canceling $3,000 on the notes held against him by said Trustees, and that they collect the interest due November 1, 1879, on the full face of the notes, and thereafter the interest on the remaining $2,000 until the principal shall be paid by him.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE J. BACHER,
LEWIS GROSENBAUGH,
DANIEL R. TAYLOR,
JOSEPH F. KEMP,
BENJAMIN FIRESTONE, } *Committee.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Rev. David Winters, D. D., *President*, Dayton, Ohio.
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1880.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Henry M. Herman.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. David Winters, D. D. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Rev. William A. Hale.

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2. Board of Visitors.

Members whose term expires October, 1880.

Rev. Peter C. Prugh.
" Charles W. Good.
Rev. David J. Meese.
" William McCaughey.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss.
" Michael Loucks.
Rev. David Winters, D. D.
" Reuben Good.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.
" Samuel Mease, D. D.
Rev. Henry Hilbish.
" Austin Henry.

The following action, proposing a change in the number and the election of the Boards of Visitors of the Theological Seminary and of Heidelberg College, was adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, and the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College, shall each consist of twelve members, of whom, at the first election by the Synod, four shall be elected to serve for one year, four for two years, and four for three years; and, thereafter, the Synod shall at each annual meeting elect four members, who shall hold their office for three years, or until their successors are duly elected.

Resolved, That five members of each of said Boards shall constitute a quorum.

Resolved, That each of said Boards be and hereby is instructed to prepare, respectively, a constitution and by-laws for its government, indicating the powers belonging and the duties required, and report the same to the next Synod for consideration and approval.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The following reports were received and considered by Synod:

I. The Annual Reports.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

Another year of educational work in Heidelberg College has passed and gone, and with it the duty arises of making a report of its operations to the Synod, under whose auspices it was founded, and has been maintained. Its work during the past year was similar to that of previous years. No changes were deemed necessary in the course of study, this being as full and complete as that of the other colleges of the State.

The attendance and conduct of the students have been good. Ten students were graduated at the close of last year. The Commencement exercises were characterized with considerable interest, and were largely attended. There were, as will be seen by the catalogue of 1878–9, 168 students in attendance for the year, 80 of whom were in the College, and 88 in the Academy. The present indications are that the attendance this year will exceed that of last year, there having been 45 new students matriculated to the present time.

Some changes were made at the beginning of the present collegiate year in the Academy, which are designed to add to its efficiency. Hitherto this department has been carried forward by the Professors of the College, each taking a part of the studies. This left the Academy without any direct head. The Board of Trustees, therefore, at the suggestion of the Faculty, provided for this want, by appointing a Principal for the Academy, who should have the special care and oversight of it. This position is filled by Prof. O. A. S. Hursh, who has been relieved of Greek, in order that he may give it the attention it deserves. This led to the necessity of another professor, so as to meet the demands of the College. After looking around for a man suitable for the position, Rev. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D., an alumnus of the College, and well known in the Church for his scholarly attainments, was chosen to the Professorship of Greek, with such other studies as he and the Faculty might agree upon, which gives us all the teaching force needed at present.

Considerable improvements have been made during the year in the College building and grounds, amounting in all to about $500. These improvements were deemed necessary for the protection of the building and the needs of the College, which, with the additional salary for the new professor, will add considerably to the expenses of the College for the current year.

The income of the College for the year 1878–9 was $6,693.74, and its outlay was $6,362.15, a little over $300 less than its receipts, leaving the indebtedness of the Contingent Fund at the close of last year $1,038.51. The Endowment Fund is about the same as at last report.

Several large donations have been secured during the last year by the agent, H. Leonard, and the President, payable at the death of the donors. It is gratifying to find some of our wealthy members willing to contribute in this way to the institutions of the Church, and it is hoped many more will do so in the future.

The agent, H. Leonard, has been active during the year in the work of his agency, giving most of his time to the collection of old accounts and outstanding interest, of which there is a considerable sum.

An effort has also been made during some six months past to increase the library of the College. Hitherto all efforts were in the interest of the *library* of the Theological Seminary, so that the College had in fact no library. This the Faculty considered an oversight, and determined to inaugurate measures for the purchase of a library for the College. Through the efforts of the President, the College now has a library of 673 volumes, including many of the latest standard works in science, philosophy and literature in general.

The College now having been in existence about thirty years, it has been thought desirable that there should be a history of its operations so that the Church may know if the work it has done is commensurate with what has been given to its support. Such a history is now in course of preparation by the President of the College, and will, if nothing unexpected intervenes, be published by the coming holidays.

The Church has much reason to rejoice in the prosperity that has attended the College. Starting as it did about thirty years ago with no friends and supporters of princely fortunes to endow it, or to erect buildings for it, it has had great financial embarrassments to contend against. And yet it has in the face of all the things been pro-

gressing in its work, until the facilities which it offers for obtaining a good education are equal to those of our older institutions.

In view of the present position of the College, the Synod should take pleasure in co-operating with the Board of Trustees and Faculty in endeavoring largely to increase the attendance of students, and in this way add to the efficiency of the College.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President.*
NELSON L. BREWER, *Treasurer.*

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2. *Report of the Financial Agent.*

Since my last report to the Synod, at Xenia, Ohio, I have met many old subscribers at their homes. Some have responded most cheerfully: "The money was ready." The only excuse some had: "I could have paid this long ago, but have neglected it." Others had not the money, but promised to send it soon. Once in a while I find one who has been unfortunate in business and failed. Such now have our sympathy.

I occasionally meet one who thinks that he need not pay if he does not wish to. Such have been advised by some pettifogger, or some third-rate lawyer, that they had not value received, and, hence, could not be compelled to pay. To such, I would only say, that this has been legally tested before Justice of the Peace and Judge of Probate Court; and the result was, that in every instance the College gained the suit.

Then the worst class—and I am glad that the number is small—are those who have fallen from grace (that is, if they ever had any grace). I mean such who once manifested a lively interest in Church matters, and, when they subscribed, did it, seemingly, in good faith; but now have fallen out with the preacher, or some one else, and the result is they now stand aloof, or sometimes change Church relations, in order to find rest for a season. I once received such a letter from a brother, who had joined another Church, and one excuse for not paying was: "That he would now have to give his support to where he belonged at present." But the most remarkable of all was, he stated "that he had now embraced the doctrine of entire sanctification!" This, I think, was a poor argument, and reflects no credit to him or any one else who

professes entire sanctification, and at the same time shirks from paying his honest debts.

There is also a bright side. The College has many true friends, and these are always glad to meet the "Fisherman," and extend to him the right hand of Christian fellowship, and welcome him to their firesides and families; and, sometimes before he leaves, give him a crumb without being asked to give.

There is another encouraging feature about this work, and that is, we find aged persons in the Church, who have no children, and, instead of leaving all their property to distant relatives, or "laughing heirs," have remembered our institutions at Tiffin, Ohio. This fact has been verified, in a tangible form, by three families, who, during the last synodical year, gave their obligations—one for $900, another for $2,700, and the last one for $1,200; total, $4,800. Then, it is not only the amount subscribed, but we must admire the spirit that prompts and underlies such noble acts of charity.

To this class belonged grandmother Ashbaugh, who was formerly a member of the Reformed Church at Basil, Ohio; but, while residing in Randolph County, Indiana, she, in 1868, contributed $1,000 by giving her note payable after death. This contribution, unsolicited and unexpected at the time, caused not a little surprise on my part. I hesitated a moment, and said, is not this rather too much for you to give, and will it be satisfactory to your children? She replied; "This money comes from my side, and I feel that I ought to give." She gave it cheerfully, and felt blest in the act. She fell asleep in Jesus, August 5, 1879; and while this benevolent act is placed on record on earth, have we not reason to believe that it will be recorded as an everlasting memorial in heaven?

It will be seen by my report, that the proceeds of my Allegorical Lectures almost paid my railroad fare and traveling expenses, being short only ninety nine cents.

I am often inquired of whether we have not soon money enough. If only such persons would read the printed reports they could see what is paid out and what amount is paid in. It must be remembered we do not use the principal to pay our current expenses, but want the interest. Then, there are many thousand dollars of our funds not interest bearing; besides, there are many persons who owe us but do not pay as they promised.

HENRY LEONARD, *Agent, in account with Heidelberg College.*

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Collections on Old Notes	$2,921 17
"Crumbs from the Children"	52 25
"Crumbs from the Old Folks"	45 00
Proceeds of Allegorical Temperance Lectures	181 16
New Endowment Notes	4,900 00
	$8,099 58

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Paid for Traveling Expenses and Stationery	$ 182 15	
Amount of Old Collections paid over	2,921 17	
New Endowment Notes handed over	4,900 00	$8,003 32
Paid over on Salary		$ 96 26

Traveled during the year five thousand six hundred and forty-one miles. Total miles traveled since the beginning of my agency, that is from January 22, 1857, eighty-three thousand nine hundred and sixty-two miles.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY LEONARD, *Agent.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College submitted their report, which was received, and as amended, together with the preceding reports, adopted; and it is as follows:

Your Committee on Heidelberg College would report as follows:

Brethren in the Lord—Heidelberg College is our chartered possession, is one of our principal trusts, and must have our fostering care. While we hope and pray that it may be a fountain both strong and clear, yet so many tangibly ignore these facts by failing to furnish the necessary material aid. While we can not reasonably look for so bright a day when all disinterestedness shall be removed, still the growing demand for an advanced standard of qualification, both for clergy and all educators, should soon establish a constant zeal and fidelity for her, that is, the beloved *Alma Mater* of so many of this reverend Synod. And have we not reason to believe that this desired part of her history has begun? for the contrast between affairs sixteen months ago and the present prove that a rather threatening cloud has passed away, leaving the College in peace and hopeful prosperity.

The report of the President has items that have been greeted with pleasure by the Synod.

The curriculum is so far complete that no special change has been made the last year. The attendance has increased, the conduct of students was commendable, the general feeling between scholars and professors is pleasant and harmonious.

In want of sufficient financial means the College has always struggled along with a corps of teachers too small to correspond with the full curriculum and the growing attendance of students, and thus the duties of the professors were over-burdensome. But the beginning of the present collegiate year has brought a change that has brought at least a partial relief, and is a positive improvement in our College.

Rev. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D., has been added to the Faculty as Professor of Greek, thus relieving Prof. O. A. S. Hursh, and making it possible for him to be made Principal of the Academic Department, to which office he was duly chosen.

This is an important advance, as it will at the same time give greater efficiency to the preparatory work, and enable both the professors mentioned to prosecute their work in the classics more thoroughly. While we are made glad to know that the income of the College has been nearly $300 in excess of its outlay, yet we regret to hear that there still is borne a contingent debt of $1,038.51. This partially takes the wind out of the sails, and must be removed to insure freedom in the noble Christian work.

To those who know and have been made to feel that a library is one of the means with which a College does its work, will be ready to say amen to the efforts that the President is making to enlarge the library. The members of our Zion must be made to know that a College is incomplete without a library, and remains so until its volumes are commensurate with the work that it is expected to do. Heidelberg College has a library, and is so far complete, but the number of volumes are so small as not to bear reasonable comparison with the increasing importance and necessities of the institution, and is thus far incomplete.

That the agent, Henry Leonard, has continued active need scarcely be said, for he always is energetic in his labors. We learn that he has been in the service nearly twenty-three years, and has traveled 83,962 miles. A few important donations have been made, three of which aggregate $4,800. The whole amount of $4,900 came from five individuals.

In view of these facts gathered from the papers placed in the hands of the Committee, and the statement heard; therefore,

Resolved, That the donors to the College have our sincere thanks, and will be held in grateful remembrance for their liberal gifts.

Resolved, That we recommend the College to the Church at large for what it has done, and what it promises to do in the future; and, above all, that we commend it to the Great Head of the Church, with all its important interests, for divine guidance, that leads to a still nobler work, through means that are sanctified unto the Master's use. Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN KELLER, *Chairman.*

In immediate connection with the adoption of the foregoing report, the following action was adopted by Synod:

WHEREAS, Rev. Ephraim M. Epstein, Professor of Heidelberg College, has on the floor of Synod asserted the inefficiency of the College and the Theological Seminary in various ways; therefore,

Resolved, That Prof. Ephraim M. Epstein be and hereby is directed to present said complaints to the Boards of Trustees of the College and of the Seminary.

Resolved, That said Boards take cognizance at as early a day as possible, and that they shall report definitely to this Synod at its next annual meeting.

III. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose, *President*, Bellevue, Ohio.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Secretary*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1880.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Hon. Thomas W. Chapman.
" Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	Upton F. Cramer, Esq.
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.	Geo. P. Williard, M. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. John Vogt.	John Weimer, M. D.
" Henry M. Herman,	William L. Snyder.
Robert Bell.	William D. Platter.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.
" Sebastian C. Goss.
" Nathaniel H. Loose.
Rev. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.
" David Winters, D. D.
" William McCaughey.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Herman Rust, D. D.
" Samuel Mease, D. D.
" William A. Hale.
Lewis Keller.
Andrew H. Baughman.
William E. Schmertz.

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2. Board of Visitors.

Members whose term expires October, 1880.

Andrew Sohn
James Swander.
Rev. Charles W. Good.
" William McCaughey.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. Theodore J. Bacher.
" William A. Hale.
Rev. Henry T. Spangler.
" George H. Leonard.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.
" Nathaniel H. Loose.
Rev. John J. Leberman.
" Emil P. Herbruck.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

I. Report of Christian Aid Society.

The Board of Trustees of the Christian Aid Society, to whom reference is made in item 2, letter *g*, in the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes, submitted their report during the evening session of the last day of the sessions. The report was received and adopted.

The Board of Trustees of the Christian Aid Society would report:

That nothing has occurred during the year claiming the attention of the Board, and that the way does not seem prepared to go forward in the organization of societies, as originally contemplated.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President*.

II. Election of Trustees of Christian Aid Society.

Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D.	Mr. Lewis Keller.
" John M. Kendig.	Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.
" Samuel Mease, D. D.	Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

III. Action Respecting Orphans' Homes.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, reported in item 14, that the General Synod recommended to the Western Synods to take into consideration the importance of establishing an Orphans' Home at some central point in their territory.

Also, during the morning session of the second day of the sessions, Rev. Thomas F. Stauffer, the Superintendent of the St. Paul's Orphan's Home, at Butler, Pennsylvania, appeared on the floor of Synod, and desired to make some statements in regard to said Home. Synod, on motion, granted him such permission, and made his statements the order of the day for three o'clock in the afternoon. At the time designated he made some statements respecting the history, condition and needs of said Home.

Thereupon, the subject matter of the aforesaid item (14), and of the statements made, were referred to a Special Committee, consist- of Revs. Cyrus Cort, Milton F. Frank and Elder Andrew Sohn. This Committee, during the afternoon session of the third day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee, to whom were referred the subject of Orphans' Homes, as presented on the floor of Synod in the statements made by Rev. Thomas F. Stauffer, the Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, at Butler, Pennsylvania, and also item 14, in the report of Committee on Synodical Minutes, in regard to establishing a Central Orphan Home by the Western Synods, would respectfully report:

1. That to relieve the poor and needy is a duty enjoined upon all the followers of the meek and lowly Savior. This duty comes with special emphasis, when the cry of want is uttered by the fatherless little ones, of whom the great Master said: "Suffer them to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of

heaven." Again he tells us, that when he shall come to judge the quick and dead in the great day of accounts, he will recognize and reward the smallest service done for the needy and helpless, the same as though it were rendered directly to himself. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." The cause of the orphan, is the cause of humanity in its weakest and most piteous form; and, as such, it appeals to the sympathy and liberality of the Christian and philanthropist with power and persuasiveness, second to no other cause in the whole catalogue of benevolent charity. The Church of Christ, which is the Bride of the Lamb and the Mother of us all, has in all ages and in all lands shown a kindly sympathy and extended a helping hand to the widow and the orphan.

The noblest instincts of humanity, no less than the most emphatic and practical precepts of our holy religion, impel us to engage in this work of faith and labor of love.

Your Committee have therefore felt it incumbent upon them to offer the following preamble and resolutions for adoption:

WHEREAS, The cause of the orphan is the cause that should lie very near the heart of the Church, and engage her most practical sympathy and help; and,

WHEREAS, Our brethren of the Pittsburg Synod have, with commendable liberality, established an Orphan Home at Butler, Pennsylvania, which is contiguous to our borders; and,

WHEREAS, The door of the Home at Butler are open for the reception and relief of orphans from the bounds of this Synod; and,

WHEREAS, The increased usefulness of the said Home will be promoted by increased contributions to its Relief Fund; therefore,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod, in General Convention assembled at Goshen, Indiana, has listened with pleasure and interest to the statements of the Superintendent of the St. Paul's Orphan Home, at Butler, Pennsylvania, and heartily commends said Home to the generous confidence and support of our people.

Resolved, That our pastors be recommended to call the special attention of their people to the claims of the St. Paul's Orphan Home, at Butler, and that they also be recommended to lift special collections for this cause in connection with the Christmas festival held by our churches and Sunday-schools.

2. In regard to item 14 in the Minutes of the General Synod, recommending to "the Western Synods to take into consider-

ation the importance of establishing an Orphan Home in some central portion of their territory," and pledging "the charitable support of our entire Church" to said Central Home when established, your Committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod views with favor the founding of Orphan Homes, and especially of a Central Institution of this kind within the bounds of our Western Synods.

Resolved, That the attention of our members, and especially of our wealthy members, be called to this subject, to the end that means may be forthcoming to secure the praiseworthy object here brought to their notice.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I. Report of Board of Sunday Schools.

The Board of Sunday Schools submitted their annual report, which was received and referred, and is as follows:

The Board of Sunday Schools of the Ohio Synod would submit their fourth annual report.

Immediately after the meeting of the last Annual Synod, the Board met in the First Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, when the following officers were elected: Rev. H. M. Herman, *President;* Rev. S. B. Yockey, *Secretary.*

The Board held but one meeting during the year. Under existing circumstances it is very apparent that the Board can do but little else than meet and adjourn, without accomplishing the work for which it evidently was instituted. To arrange a programme of exercises to be observed at the meeting of Synod can not be all that is required of the Board. The Synod evidently contemplated more than this. In the annual reports, hitherto submitted, the attention of Synod was called to this matter, and yet the Board, as the official organ of Synod, stands, as it were, isolated and alone. If the Board will ever accomplish the work or mission intended, a new departure must be inaugurated. The Synod's Board must be the

head or center toward which and through which all our Sunday-school work must tend and act. The Board should know the condition of the Sunday-school work in every Classis in Synod. (*a*) Number of scholars; (*b*) amount of contributions; (*c*) aids and helps used; (*d*) grade of teachers; (*e*) teachers' meetings, and how conducted; (*f*) to what extent is catechetical instruction given in the Sunday-schools of the Synod. At present the Board knows nothing officially to report upon these important matters. That they are of vital importance no one can question. Each Classis has a Sunday-school Convention annually, or at least it is to be presumed that this is the case. If a synopsis of each classical convention was forwarded to the President of the Board—say within one month of the meeting of Synod—then the Board might present a report such as would impart useful and important information respecting this very important department of church work.

The Board would earnestly call the attention of Synod to the following suggestions:

1. That each Classis within the bounds of Synod be organized (if not already so) into a Sunday-school Convention, to meet annually.

2. That the Secretary of said Convention report to the President of Synod's Board on the topics above enumerated, at least one month before the convening of Synod.

Then, and then only, can the Synod's Board render efficient service.

Your Board at the last meeting adopted the following order, to be observed as a Sunday-school service at the present Synod:

That Saturday evening be set apart as a Sunday-school service, and *Rev. W. A. Hale deliver the sermon or address.* To be followed by members of Synod with short addresses limited to five minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *President.*

II. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Standing Committee on Sunday Schools and Catechisation submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the report of the Board, adopted:

The Committee would submit the following report:

No documents have been placed into our hands but the report of the Board of Sunday Schools, from which it appears that none

of the Classes made any report to it during the year; so that the burden of its report is that it has been entirely ignored, and has therefore nothing upon which to make a report to this Synod. We would recommend that the Synod adopt the report of the Board and call the special attention of the several Classes to it, in the hope that they may hereafter comply with its requirements. The Sunday-school work has assumed vast dimensions, as it should. Too much attention can not be given to the religious education of the rising generation. As the matter now stands, no congregation ought to be without an efficient Sunday-school, if it will be true to itself and the work committed to its care. It is also gratifying to know that there are very few, if any, congregations within the bounds of this Synod that have no Sunday-schools. A work that is so general ought to be under the direct supervision of the Synod, so that it may be able to make an annual report to the congregations within its bounds of what is being done in this department of Christian activity for their encouragement; and also to give such counsels and instructions upon the subject as may be necessary to secure unity of action, and thus accomplish the greatest amount of good.

Any one acquainted with the Sunday-school work can not but rejoice at the results that have been accomplished. It has greatly assisted parents in the religious instruction; led to a better understanding and more general study of the word of God; quickened the life and activity of the Church; brought a great many children under its direct instruction and influence, who would otherwise have been neglected; it has greatly assisted pastors in their work, and done much in a variety of ways for the general advancement of the cause of Christ, for which we ought all to rejoice and thank God.

And yet much as has been done in this respect, there is still room for improvement and greater efficiency in the Sunday-school work; and it was with this special object in view, that the Synod appointed its Board, which has been in existence for some four years. Sunday-school conventions, at the recommendation of Synod, have been held in most of the Classes with good results, as we learn from reports in the *Christian World;* but for some reason or other, the Classes have thus far failed to transmit any official reports to Synod's Board, which left it without any material from which to report what was done throughout its bounds. This neglect should no longer continue, and each Classis should see to

that the Synod had instructed its Trustees to accept the proposition of Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., respecting the publication of the "Reformed Church Hymnal." Then, as no definite measures had yet been taken, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of Synod be and hereby are instructed to complete a formal contract with the publisher.

Treasurers to Give Bonds.

As reported in item 10, in the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, the Treasurers of the Theological Seminary and of Heidelberg College are required to give bond in the amount of $5,000 each. It appeared from official statements that only the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary had complied with Synod's request; therefore, it was

Resolved, That the Synod renews its request in so far as it relates to the Treasurer of Heidelberg College.

Statistics of "Christian World."

The Eastern Ohio Classis, as reported in item 11 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requests the Synod to explain its action respecting the incorporation in the parochial reports of the number of subscribers to the *Christian World*, etc. (Min. 1878, page 63.) Thereupon, by way of explanation, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that its action of last year contemplated that the statistics, touching the circulation of the *Christian World*, shall be incorporated in the body of the parochial reports, and not in the regular statistical tables.

Dismission of Cincinnati Classis.

The Cincinnati Classis, as reported in item 5 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, requests Synod to dismiss it from its present synodical relations for the purpose of forming a new Synod in connection with Erie, Heidelberg and St. John's Classes, or with

such Classes as the Synod of the Northwest may dismiss for this purpose. In regard to this request, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the request of Cincinnati Classis be granted, and that the officers of Synod be authorized to give it such dismission as soon as all the preliminary arrangements are completed.

Action Respecting the Loran Congregation.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the Thursday afternoon session, in item 15, directed the attention of Synod to the condition of things existing between the Milwaukee and Northern Illinois Classis respecting the Loran Congregation. The subject-matter involved was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Henry M. Herman, Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, and Elder James Swander. This Committee, during the Friday morning session, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred item 15 in Minutes of General Synod, beg leave to report:

That inasmuch as your Committee has learned from authentic sources that the troubles have been settled; therefore,

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient for this Synod to take any further action in the case, and that the action of Synod in 1874 be revoked. (See Min. 1874, p. 61.)

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *Chairman*.

Payment of Church Extension Debt.

Through the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes, in item 13, during the Thursday afternoon session, the attention of Synod was directed to the apportionment due the Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund, made in 1874, and to the request of General Synod that delinquent Classes speedily pay over to said Treasurer their apportionments, and that the delinquent Synods meet their indebtedness to the Board of Church Extension without delay. The item was adopted. Then, on motion, the following action was adopted by Synod:

WHEREAS, The General Synod at Fort Wayne, in 1875, overlooked the item in the Minutes of the Ohio Synod with reference to the apportionment of the debt of the Board of Church Extension; therefore,

Resolved, That that this Synod respectfully renews its overture to the General Synod, as published in the Minutes of the Ohio Synod in 1875, page 52.*

"THE WELL DRILLER" AND "SONG TREASURY."

During the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, two books, respectively entitled "The Well Driller," prepared by Rev. Isaac A. Sites, and the "Song Treasury," designed for Sunday-schools, were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Henry T. Spangler, Daniel R. Taylor, and Elder Jacob Pfeiffer. This Committee, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee, to whom were referred the books entitled "The Well Driller," and the "Song Treasury," a Sunday-school song book, would report:

I. That, as to "The Well Driller," we believe that the reading of this work would aid largely in removing objections to connecting with the Church of Christ. As long as there are so many persons who find fault with church-members, and magnify imaginary imperfections in the Church, pastors should avail themselves of all helps, like this book, to win outsiders for the Church.

II. 1. That, in regard to the "Song Treasury," the elementary department of the work is excellent.

2. That the selections of music are above the average.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. SPANGLER, *Chairman.*

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*The action here referred to, as being adopted in 1875 by the Ohio Synod, is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Ohio Synod respectfully asks the General Synod to be relieved of the payment of the aforesaid appropriation, and that permission be granted to have said amount ($175) paid into the treasury of the Church Erection Board of the Ohio Synod."—*Stated Clerk.*

HEIDELBERG AND CHILDREN'S CATECHISM.

The Committee on Overtures, during the morning session of the second day of the sessions, reported, in item 3, that a communication from Rev. Jer. H. Good, D. D., was received, submitting to the judgment of Synod: (*a*) A new arrangement of the Heidelberg Catechism now in press, and (*b*) A Children's Catechism, intended for Sunday-schools and families. This item was adopted, and the communication, with specimen portions of said Catechism, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Edwin R. Williard, Michael Loucks, and Elder Andrew H. Baughman. This Committee submitted their report, which was received and considered during a part of the afternoon and of the evening sessions of the last day of the sessions, and as amended adopted:

The Committee, to whom was referred item 3 of the report of the Committee of Overtures, having reference to the rearrangement and preparation on Catechisms, would respectfully submit the following:

We have received and examined two works prepared by Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., for use in the congregations, families and Sunday-schools of the Church; the first book is a newly-arranged edition of the Heidelberg Catechism; the second is a new Catechism, which is intended as a preparatory work to the Heidelberg Catechism.

Your Committee appreciate the value and results of these efforts, as far as they have been able to examine the works. Surely, we all feel the need of additional helps to the work of catechisation, and the importance of infusing more solid, moral and theological truths into the Sunday-school instructions. But all such works should really receive a far more thorough examination than can possibly be made during the sessions of Synod.

The *first work* contains the correct and authorized text of our venerable symbol of faith, but has several new features to commend itself to the Church. The mechanical execution of the work is excellent, the print being large and distinct; the most important proof-texts are given in full; and, by the use of appropriate marks, four different courses of the study of the Catechism can be pursued, which is possibly better adapted to the different ages of those who are to be instructed in the doctrines of religion.

The *second book* is a new work, based upon the Heidelberg

Catechism, largely following the order and language of our excellent symbol of faith. The idea underlying the work is undoubtedly correct; its systematical arrangement is excellent—such a book has long been needed—its questions and answers are very suggestive, and it should be of permanent value in reviving catechetical instruction throughout the Church. But there are several serious defects in the present form of the work that certainly should be remedied before it receives the sanction or recommendation of this Synod.

a) The subject of Infant Baptism is entirely ignored.

b) The proper qualifications for participation in the Lord's Supper certainly should contain some reference to a proper church-membership, and the observance of the covenant rite of baptism.

c) The nature of Christ should be more fully and separately treated. (See Heid. Cat., questions 15–18.)

d) The subjects of repentance, conversion, and, possibly, also confession of sin, should receive special exposition.

We therefore suggest the following:

Resolved, That Synod heartily recommends to the Classes and ministers the edition of the Heidelberg Catechism prepared by Rev. J. H. Good, D. D.

Resolved, That the author be requested to revise the work entitled "The Way of Life," so as to remedy the above defects, and report the same for further examination at the next Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN R. WILLIARD, *Chairman*.

Matters of Revs. Naille and Hansen.

The Committee on Overtures, during the morning session of the second day of the sessions, reported in item 1 that a letter had been received from Rev. John Naille, complaining of the action of Shelby Classis in his case. Also, in item 2, that several papers were received from Rev. William Hansen, asking Synod to assist him in collecting from the Iowa Classis a debt of $100, due him from said Classis. These items were adopted, and the papers and the subject-matter involved were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Amos Casselman, Fred. W. Stump, and Elder George Souder. This Committee, during the afternoon session of

the fourth day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received, and, as amended, adopted:

Your Committee, to whom were referred items 1 and 2 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, would report as follows:

I. In regard to item 1, having examined the documents in the case and gathered what information we could from all sources, we find

1. That the dismission of Rev. John Naille is withheld by Shelby Classis on account of certain indiscreet actions, until said conduct is explained to the satisfaction of Classis.

2. That Rev. John Naille complains of said action of Shelby Classis as being unjust and irregular.

The information at hand does not give any evidence of irregularity on the part of Shelby Classis; therefore, we recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That Shelby Classis be sustained in its actions, and that Rev. John Naille be respectfully requested to make satisfactory explanations to said Classis.

II. In regard to item 2, having examined the papers put into our hands, we find that said Rev. William Hansen holds a note of $100 against Iowa Classis, which has been due since August 1, 1879. This money he desires to collect, and has so notified the officers of Classis; but we do not find that Iowa Classis has refused to pay the same, nor even treated him discourteously as he intimates.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the whole matter can be satisfactorily adjusted by the parties themselves, and would recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary of Synod be instructed to inform Rev. William Hansen that his complaint, concerning his unpaid note, due in August, 1879, must first be made to Iowa Classis before it can appear in this Judicatory.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS CASSELMAN, *Chairman.*

The Peace Commission.

The Committee on Overtures, during the morning session of the second day of the sessions, reported in item 6 that an action, bearing on the Peace Commission, was officially received from the

Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, claiming that the two tendencies existing in the Church should be equally represented in the Peace Commission, and that the conclusions reached by said Commission should be unanimous.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the afternoon session of the same day, reported in item 16 that the General Synod asked (*a*) that this Synod appoint a proper number of Peace Commissioners, and (*b*) that, in view of the importance of the subject, special prayer, under synodical direction, be offered in behalf of the Peace Commission and its great work, in the regular service, and in the weekly prayer-meeting, at the time the Commission shall be in session.

Thereupon, after the adoption of the aforesaid items, the following action, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of one from each Classis represented in Synod be appointed, to whom shall be referred the general subject of the "Peace Movement," together with all items and papers bearing thereon, and the nomination of a double number of names for Peace Commissioners.

The Committee, as appointed, consists of Revs. David Winters, D. D., Silas P. Mauger, Theodore J. Bacher, Nathaniel H. Loose, John M. Kendig, Isaac A. Sites, Simon P. Myers, Cyrus Cort and Henry Bair. This Committee, during the afternoon session on Friday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Rev. Ohio Synod:

Your Committee, appointed on the Peace Commission movement, would beg leave to report the following:

1. With reference to the wish expressed to this Synod by the General Synod, and by the Synod in the United States in a special document, in which said Synod says (1) that it is desirable, if possible, to have the two tendencies existing in the Church equally represented in the Peace Commission, and (2) that, in order to carry out the spirit of the General Synod, it is necessary that the conclusions reached by the Peace Commission should be unanimous, your Committee would recommend the following:

That the two tendencies of the Church should be equally represented in the Board of the Peace Commission arises, we are constrained to believe, from a deep desire that nothing in the preparatory work should be done that will stand in the way of a cordial union

of all parts of the Church upon the basis of a real peace, and, as such, be cordially approved by this Synod.

With respect to the other item expressed by the Synod in the United States, viz: that the conclusions reached by the Peace Commission be unanimous, we would express it as our earnest hope and prayer that this may be the case. Such an unanimous conclusion would be a guarantee that its work would be acceptable to the Church as a whole.

In accordance with the spirit of the foregoing, we would recommend the following nominations as members for the Peace Commission from this Synod:

Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose.
" Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	" Peter C. Prugh.
Elder Andrew H. Baughman.	Elder Benjamin Kuhns.
" Thomas W. Chapman.	" Henry Leonard.

In view of the importance of the work before us, we would recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod hold a special season of prayer from 8½ to 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, in accordance with the direction of General Synod, in behalf of the Peace Commission.

WHEREAS, The General Synod calls the attention of the District Synods to the subject of special prayer for the Peace Commission, and its work; therefore,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod acquiesces with the direction of the General Synod in this important matter, viz (Minutes of General Synod, 1878, page 78):

"*Resolved*, That our District Synods be advised to direct attention to this subject, to the end that special prayer be offered to God in behalf of the Commission to be appointed, and its great work; in the regular service, and in the weekly prayer-meetings, at the time when that Commission shall meet for deliberation."

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WINTERS,
SILAS P. MAUGER,
THEODORE J. BACHER,
NATHANIEL H. LOOSE,
JOHN M. KENDIG,
ISAAC A. SITES,
SIMON P. MYERS,
CYRUS CORT,
HENRY BAIR,
Committee.

ELECTION OF PEACE COMMISSIONERS.

The Synod, in accordance with the directions given in the adopted report of the General Committee, spent the first half-hour in special prayer in behalf of the Peace Commission, and its work.

The election of members from this Synod to the Peace Commission, having been made the order of the day for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, was held at the appointed time, with the following result:

Primarii.	*Secundi.*
Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose.
" Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	" Peter C. Prugh.
Elder Andrew H. Baughman.	Elder Thomas W. Chapman.
" Benjamin Kuhns.	" Henry Leonard.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The following reports were received and considered by Synod:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Board of Publication would beg leave to offer the following report:

The Board of Publication held its first meeting after the adjournment of the last annual Synod, in the First Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, July 10, 1878. The following officers were then elected: Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *President*, and Rev. Henry M. Herman, *Secretary*. During the year, the Board held three meetings in which the interests of the publications under the care of Synod were taken under consideration.

The publication office of the *Christian World* was transferred from Cincinnati to Dayton, Ohio, September, 1878; since which time the paper has been regularly issued there. There has been no particular change made in the conduct of the Synod's publications.

The number of subscribers (about 3,500) is about the same as it was last year. The Sunday-school publications, issued from the same office, have been regularly published and are about the same as far as the number of subscribers is concerned. The character of our publications is unchanged, and, so far as the knowledge of the

Board is concerned, they are acceptable to the membership of our Church. The editor (Dr. Mease) of the *Christian World* has labored hard and faithfully in the editorial department.

The Board has nothing special to suggest to Synod with reference to the publications. We refer the whole subject to the wisdom and consideration of Synod. The Board, as it is now constituted, having no special instructions from Synod as to the nature of its work, or the relation it sustains to the Synod, or the publications under its care, would respectfully ask Synod to define clearly what the powers and duties of the Board of Publication are.

The Board would also recommend the following resolution with the view of reconstructing the Board, and of changing the manner of the election of its members:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication shall consist of six members, of whom, at the first election by the Synod, two members shall be elected to serve for one year, two for two years, and two for three years; and, thereafter, the Synod shall at each annual meeting elect two members, who shall hold their office for three years, or until their successors are elected.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *Secretary*.

II. Report of Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication submitted their report, which was received, discussed, and as amended, together with the report of the Board, adopted; and is as follows:

The Committee on Publication would report that they have carefully considered all the documents referred to them.

The Board of Publication requests Synod to define clearly what the powers and duties of the Board are. Inasmuch as the Synod has no printing establishment as yet, it is difficult to do this in any words more clear than the provisions of the Constitution (Art. 70), namely, that to the Board of Publication shall be committed "the superintendence of the publications of the periodicals of the Church."

The Board also recommends a change in the election of the Board, which we heartily indorse.

The *Christian World* has been regularly published during the last year, to the general satisfaction of the Church. The Sunday-

school papers, including the *Instructor*, *Lesson Leaves*, and *Leaves of Light*, have also been regularly published. We have a promise and a programme for the coming year which may be regarded as a decided improvement, and which evince the earnest wish of Dr. S. Mease to make these publications as successful and as useful as possible.

But the time seems to have arrived, when the publication of the Church paper by Dr. Mease has reached, or is liable soon to reach a crisis, which demands the serious consideration of this Synod. We think that Synod ought to sympathize with Dr. Mease, and to extend to him all the moral aid in its power; especially, as he thinks, that in time he will be able to recover all lost groud. Under these circumstances, Dr. Mease should give the Synod some definite assurance, that he can and will make arrangements to carry forward uninterruptedly the publication of the paper.

A question has been raised, whether the time has not perhaps come, when a decided advance in the matter of our publications should not be made. In what form this could or should be done, is a matter wherein there exists a difference of opinion. One way is open. The Cleveland Publication House of our Church is now the only prosperous printing establishment that the Reformed Church possesses. The Directors of the same are animated with most kind and fraternal feelings toward the English portion of the Church, and stand ready to work in harmony with us. They would be willing to take the publication of the *Christian World*, to relieve the Synod of all responsibility as to publication matters, to leave the editorial control entirely in the hands of this Synod, to pay the editor a reasonable salary, and to give a bonus of ten cents on each yearly subscription paid, to be devoted to the cause of Missions. Whether under all the circumstances of the case, the time for the consolidation of our publications with the Cleveland House has arrived must be for the Synod to determine. We have judged, that duty to the Church requires of us to at least draw the attention of Synod to this proposition.

On the supposition now, that Synod will determine that Dr. Mease shall have an opportunity to carry forward the publication of the *Christian World* for the future, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication shall consist of six members: of whom, at the first election by Synod, two members shall be elected to serve one year, two for two years, and two for three years; and, thereafter, the Synod shall at each annual meeting elect

two members, who shall hold their office for three years, or until their successors are elected.

Resolved, That it is imperatively necessary to the success of the paper, that a thorough reformation be at once made in respect to the accounts.

Resolved, That if this be attended to, this Synod hereby promises, collectively and individually, to make an earnest effort to enlarge the circulation of all the papers, and to aid in making a full success of the same.

Resolved, That each Classis be requested carefully to discuss this matter, and to devise and adopt such measures as may be deemed judicious and effective to carry out this action of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS P. MAUGER,
SCOTT F. HERSHEY,
JEREMIAH H. GOOD, } *Committee.*
BENJAMIN FIRESTONE,
LEWIS CONRAD,

In this immediate connection, on motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That since, as it seems, that which is essentially needed by the editor to relieve the paper from present financial troubles is to receive promptly what is due on the subscription list, we hereby urge every subscriber in arrearage to pay *at once;* and that all pastors and agents see that this is done as early as possible, and also increase such aid by securing new subscriptions, as many and as early as possible.

III. Election of Board of Publication.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Henry M. Herman, *Secretary*, West Alexandria, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1880.

Mr. George F. Wentz. Rev. William McCaughey.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. Henry M. Herman. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.

IV. Publication of Minutes of Synod.

In regard to the publication of the Minutes of last year, the Stated Clerk presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

I would hereby report that, in accordance with the instructions of Synod, I had 1,300 copies of the Minutes of the Sessions of 1878 published in the usual pamphlet form, containing 82 pages. at a cost of $123, and made a regular distribution of them.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1,200 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following reports claimed the attention of Synod:

I. Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

J. H. Good, *Treasurer, in account with the Ohio Synod. To amounts received from May* 1, 1878, *to September* 15, 1879, *as follows:*

DR.

Miami Classis.—Bill of 1878	$106 40
Lancaster Classis.—Bill of 1878, in full	53 40
Tuscarawas Classis.—Bill of 1878, in full	65 00
Tiffin Classis.—Bill of 1878, in full	59 40
St. John's Classis.—Bill of 1877, in full	32 69
" " Bill of 1878, in part	65 00
Eastern Ohio Classis.—Bill of 1878, in full	66 00
Iowa Classis.—Bill of 1878, in full	21 75
Northern Illinois Classis.—Bill of 1878, in full	14 60
Shelby Classis.—Bill of 1878, in full, and old accounts in full	35 06
Cincinnati Classis.—Bill of 1878, in full	52 60
Kansas Classis.—Bill of 1878, in full	11 60
St. Joseph Classis.—Bill of 1878, in full	36 00
	$619 50
To balance from former year	347 93
Total	$967 43

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To printing tickets for Synod of Xenia		$ 1 75
Sexton at Xenia		10 00
Rev. L. M. Kerschner, expenses of Shutt Will Case		61 10
Elder F. Iseley, delegate from Kansas Classis		10 75
Rev. J. A. Keller, delegate from Kansas Classis		20 00
Rev. S. P. Myers, delegate from Shelby Classis, 1877		8 80
Dr. I. H. Reiter, bill for printing Minutes of Synod in 1878		123 00
" " traveling expenses to Xenia	$1 30	
" " " " Cincinnati	3 50	
" " telegrams	60	
" " wrapping paper, mailing, expressage, etc.	5 00	
" " postage stamps	12 90	
" " stationery and postage	10 00	
" " salary as Stated Clerk in 1878	75 00	108 30
Rev. S. P. Myers, delegate to Synod, 1878		8 80
Expressage, postage, stationery, etc., for Treasurer		12 00
Settlement with Dr. G. W. Williard for English Liturgies, in full		166 54
W. D. Gross, Treasurer General Synod, apportionment of 1878		250 00
		$781 04
Balance on hand		186 39
Total		$967 43

INDEBTEDNESS TO SYNOD.

Miami Classis.—A balance of postage for 1878	$ 1 20
St. John's Classis.—Balance due on 1878	18 80

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with the Treasurer's report, adopted:

Your Committee on Finance would submit the following report:

The report of the Treasurer of Ohio Synod, in the hands of your Committee, has been examined and found to be correct. We are glad to find a balance of $186.39 in the treasury. In view of the Peace Commission, to convene in the month of November in the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and to which four commissioners are to be sent by this Synod, we think it proper to recommend that an apportionment of $420 be made for current expenses of the coming year, to be apportioned among the several Classes of the Ohio Synod as follows:

Miami	$106	Shelby	$10
Tuscarawas	75	Iowa	18
Lancaster	58	St. Joseph	35
Tiffin	50	Kansas	6
Eastern Ohio	50		
Northern Illinois	12	Total	$420

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY HILBISH, *Chairman.*

III. Payment of Bills by the Treasurer.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay, as per order, the following bills, which were allowed by the Synod, namely:

1. The sexton of the Reformed Church at Goshen $10 for his services rendered during the sessions of Synod.

2. Messrs. Starr & Beyerle $2.50 for printing one hundred tickets for the use of the Synod.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the morning session of the third day of the sessions, presented their report through the Chairman, Rev. William McCaughey. The report was received and adopted, and the Chairman of the Committee was instructed to have one hundred copies of the nominations printed for the use of the Synod.

The election of the several Boards and the Peace Commissioners was made the order of the day for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. At the appointed time, the election was held. Revs. Henry T. Spangler, Milton F. Frank, Alpheus E. Baichly, and Elder William Kefauver were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots, and, subsequently, reported the result to the Synod.

For the *result* of the election in each case, see Articles XIII., Missions; XIV., Theological Seminary; XV., Heidelberg College; XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; XVII., Sunday Schools; XX., Church Government; and XXI., Publication.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion, during the afternoon session of the sixth day of the sessions, Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., William McCaughey, and Elder Joseph F. Kemp were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence, through whom all applications for leave of absence are to be made. The Committee, through its Chairman, Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., reported near the close of the sessions, and the report was accepted, and the recommendations contained therein approved by Synod.

Place and Time of Next Meeting of Synod.

On motion, during the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, the Synod proceeded to select the place and fix the time for its next annual meeting. A communication from Rev. Henry T. Spangler was laid before Synod, in which the Synod was cordially invited, by the Reformed Congregation of Columbiana, Columbiana County, Ohio, to hold its next annual meeting there. On motion, the invitation was accepted by acclamation, and, as such, the place chosen was Columbiana, Ohio. The time fixed was the third Wednesday in October (20), A. D. 1880, at 7 o'clock in the evening. It was also decided that the next Synod shall meet in general convention.

On motion, the following action was adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to inform the members of Synod, through the *Christian World*, six weeks before the next annual meeting, in regard to the proper manner of electing delegate elders from the pastoral charges, and of accrediting the same with proper credentials to the Synod, when convened in general convention.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks of Classes be severally requested

to furnish the Synod with a brief obituary notice of each ministerial brother who shall have died during the synodical year.

Resolved, That the Synod have a *Memorial Department* in the Minutes, in which such obituaries shall be published.

During the morning session of the second day of the sessions, on motion, the President appointed Revs. Reuben Keller, Silas P. Mauger and Allen K. Zartman, as reporters, to report an abstract of the proceedings of Synod to the county and daily papers; one for the Goshen reporter of the Chicago dailies; and one for the Goshen reporter of the Cincinnati dailies. They attended to the duties assigned them, with the approbation and thanks of Synod.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Vote of Thanks.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That the 'hearty thanks of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church be and hereby are tendered to the pastor and membership of the Reformed Congregation, and to the citizens of Goshen, for the very kind and hospitable entertainment extended to its members during their sojourn in their midst, and that we invoke the divine blessing upon them.

Resolved, That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the members of the choir for their excellent services rendered during the sessions of Synod.

Resolved, That the pastor *loci* read the above resolutions from the pulpit, and that he also have the same published in the papers of Goshen.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to return the thanks of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church to the several railroad companies, namely, the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway, the Dayton and Union, and the Cincinnati, Wabash and Michigan Railroads, for permitting the members of Synod to pass over their respective roads at reduced fare.

The roll was called, and none were found absent without permission.

The Minutes of the last day were read and approved, and they were then adopted as a whole, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod now adjourns to meet in convention in the Reformed Church at Columbiana, Columbiana County, Ohio, on the third Wednesday in October (20th), A. D. 1880, at seven o'clock in the evening.

The Synod adjourned on Monday evening, October 6th, at nine o'clock, with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, Doxology, and the Benediction by the President.

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommu'ted.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Sch'ls.	Sunday School Scholars.	Stud'ts Min'ry	Contributi's Benevolent Purposes.	Contributi's Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
David Winters, D. D.	Mt. Zion	4	440	160	16	8	53	10	155	20		35	15	4	210		$100	$750	15	Dayton, O.
Samuel B. Yockey	Xenia	2	298	75	4	9	17	2	240	2			4	2	200		319	2476	10	Xenia, O.
William McCaughey	Miamisburg	1	359	129	23	14	28	18	301	1		1	5	1	280		114	1950	20	Miamisburg, O.
Henry M. Herman	West Alexandria	3	420	100	24	26	45	15	390	2		4	10	3	400	1	200	1400	20	West Alexandria, O.
Jacob M Le Fevre	Fairfield	3	250	250	6	6	12	14	250	8			1	3	180		6	900	6	Fairfield, O.
Daniel R. Taylor	Union*	4	350	49	18	32	47	20	281	4			6	4	212		42	477	20	North Hampton, O.
G. Wm. H. Smith	Cæsar's Creek	2	170	44	17	46	75	12	240			2	2	2	127		293	2889	6	Xenia, O.
" " " (sup.)	Highland	2	284	88	18	51	78	4	208			11	5	2	227		286	815	7	
George Z. Mechling	Hamilton	2	75	44		4	6	1	68			8	1	2	140			400	1	Hamilton, O.
Jonathan C. Beade	Port Jefferson	3	185	54	12	15	14	5	185	35			1	3	270		50	800	16	Sidney, O.
William A. Hale	First Church, Dayton	1	379		15	5	25	44	395	3	2	8	6	1	175		56	3435	12	Dayton, O.
Milton F. Frank	Farmersville	2	250	130	23	5	36	7	170			21	1	2	249		10	1740	6	Farmersville, O.
John Stuck	Mt. Pleasant	4	117	56	23	8	18	6	98	4	2	6	3	3	218		25	484	1	Hill Grove, O.
William M. Andrews	St. Paris	3	275	215	1		3		253					3	275		12	500	10	St. Paris, O.
Jacob Weaver	Salem	2	40	7	2		2	2	25	3		1							3	Sidney, O.
Richard B. Reichard	Springboro	1	94	30	3	2	2	2	78				1	1	70	1	90	825	4	Springboro, O.
Adam Hawker	Mt. Carmel	2	100	80	13	11	22	14	80	5			3	2	100		33	490	12	Dayton, O.
Peter C. Prugh	Germantown	2	198	65	15	7	17	10	153	5			4	1	180		60	3800	6	Germantown, O.
" " " (sup.)	Winchester	1	43	12	3		3	1	36				1				8	40	2	
Levi Rike (sup.)	Elk Creek	1	15	10	1	1	2		11					1	25			400	2	Middletown, O.
John E. Dingledine	Bradford	4	131			1	6	5	131				1						2	Bradford, O.
Jesse Steiner	New Madison†	3	172	70	6	16	27	2	270				1	3	203		30	400	4	Millerstown, O.
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Editor "Instructor"																			Miamisburg, O,
Samuel Mease, D. D.	" "Christian World"																			Dayton, O.
John Pence	Without Charge																			Tremont, O.
Hiram Shumaker	" "																			Lawrence, Tex.
Ephraim M. Epstein	Prof. Heidelberg College																			Tiffin, O.
Thomas H. Winters	Without Charge																			Xenia, O.
Total, 26.		52	4645	1668	343	167	538	194	4018	92	4	97	71	43	3742	2	$1734	$24971	185	

* As a correction, it is here stated that Rev. Hiram Shaull, though through some inadvertence his name became misplaced in the Minutes of 1878, continued pastor of the Union Charge until April 1, 1878, and the statistics there given exhibit the result of his labors up to that time, when Rev. Daniel R. Taylor became pastor. † Recently taken charge of by Rev. Solomon Ream, Arcanum, O.

STATED CLERK.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
George H. Leonard	Basil	2	402	133	20	6	31	11	389	4	1	10	7	2	300		$321	$1300	10	Basil, O.
John Vogt	Delaware	1	236	121	24	3	13	17	193	1		5	6	1	129		197		10	Delaware, O.
Francis C. Yost	Thornville	4	360	125	25	8	39	17	340	7	1	1	8	3	285	1	367	3160	10	Thornville, O.
Silas P. Mauger	Winchester	4	275	80	24	2	18	13	250	5		12	7	4	275		320	3000	10	Canal Winchester, O.
Austin Henry	Kinnickinnick	3	142	70	29	1	19	7	130	5			2	3	223		40	4574	6	Hallsville, O.
James Heffley	North Union	1	22	15	3		2		22				1	1	50				2	Canal Winchester, O.
Jacob Klingler	Stoutsville	3	238	120	41	5	15	11	141	4		6	4	3	200		98	650	4	Stoutsville, O.
Michael Loucks	Ch. of the Cross	1	38	25	13	1	10	10	34	7		8	3	1	49		23	160	2	Somerset, O.
Joseph W. Barber	Jerusalem	3	90	50	9	1	6		75			6	2	3			74	425	6	Bremen, O.
Henry H. Sandoe	Union	4	284	156	20	14	36	19	214			3	8	4	304		142	1305	21	Baltimore, O.
Vacant	Lancaster*	2	276						175				1	2	112		41	734	2	Lancaster, O.
Henry King	Without Charge																			Baltimore, O.
Peter D. Schory	" "																			Lancaster, O.
Total, 12.		28	2363	895	208	41	189	105	1963	33	2	51	49	27	1927	1	$1623	$15308	83	

* Recently taken charge of by Rev. John M. Kendig, Lancaster, O.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Sebastian C. Goss	Wadsworth	4	352	138	9	10	23	6	302	13	1	8	9	4	350		$77	$853	16	Wadsworth, O.
Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.	Union	4	276	167	9		10		230	4			4	3	170		81	660	20	Wadsworth, O.
Silas B. Mase	Tuscarawas	4	258	214	7	2	2	5	240	3			4	4	250	2	44	635	20	Massillon, O.
John H. Beck	Uniontown	4	210		11	1	14	5	179	2			6	3	210		10	610	8	Lake, O.
Milton H. Groh	Manchester	4	205	115	12	5	7	10	184	5			4	3	270		108	855	18	Lake, O.
Edward Herbruck	Canton	1	200		11	4	25	9	175	1		2	2	1	195		28	935	5	Canton, O.
Emil P. Herbruck	Akron	1	190	60	9	10	27	33	165	1		14		1	150		29	700	16	Akron, O.
Charles W. Good	Shelby	3	183	75	7	10	12	10	173	1				3	280		45	600	15	Shelby, O.
Vacant	Reedsburg*	3	164		2	7	6	5	164	2			2	3	270		24		8	Reedsburg, O.
John S. Stoner	Navarre	3	156	42	2	5	13	8	123	2		1		3			60	350	12	Navarre, O.
James H. Steele	Mohican	3	152	102	7	2	7	3	105	2			3	2	185	1	10	1459	14	Mohican, O.
Theodore J. Bacher	Wooster	1	138	75	15	1	8	34	120	3		1	2	1	115			2358	10	Wooster, O.
Hiram Shaull	Shenandoah	4	132		6	22	36	17	128	5			1	4	375		63	700	16	Polk, O.
Lewis M. Kerschner	West Salem	3	128	76	1		2	3	119	1				3	190		15	1860	15	West Salem, O.
Charles M. Schaaf	Bristol	1	93	60	4	3	10	9	93	4				1	90		30	400	5	Marshallsville, O.
Joseph Kester	Canaan	2	93		3				93				2	2	95				5	Bucyrus, O.
Jacob V. Lerch	Without Charge																			Ashland, O.
Total, 16.		45	2930	1124	115	82	202	157	2593	49	1	26	39	41	3215	3	$624	$12972	203	

* Taken charge of by Rev. Edward D. Wettach, Reedsburg, Ohio.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	Pres. Theol. Sem.																			Tiffin, O.
Herman Rust, D. D.	Prof. in Theol. Sem.																			" "
George W. Williard, D.D.	Pres. Heid. College																			" "
Reuben Good	Prof. in Heid. "																			" "
Lewis H. Kefauver, D.D.	First Church, Tiffin	1	227	120	12	2	13	15	219	15			8	1	228		$194	$2696	12	" "
Jesse Richards	Fremont	2	140	67	20	16	45	12	120	10		3	11	2	200		182	1650	10	Fremont, O.
Amos Casselman	Fostoria	2	80	40	5	1	4	9	65	6		2	4	1	71		37	1325	9	Fostoria, O.
William J. Peters	Zion?	2	210	140	38		4	14	170	2			13	2	180		209	1042	15	Bellevue, O.
Samuel Shaw	Bloomville	1	91	44	11	6	17	26	85	9		13	3	2	350		105	1200	10	Bloomville, O.
Allen K. Zartman	Helena	3	174	67	13	2	10	15	164	2			1	3	160	2	15	700	8	Helena, O.
Nathaniel H. Loose	Bellevue	1	175	140	27		22	12	155	5		15	8	1	131		39	1600	10	Bellevue, O.
Dr. Rust (sup.)	Second Ch., Tiffin	1	249	123	61		32	17	233	9		13	15	1	160	3	257	900	1	Tiffin, O.
Dr. Williard (sup.)	Ft. Seneca	2	120	50	4		2	2	100	1		1	3	2	94		115	905	10	" "
Dr. J. H. Good (sup.)	St. Jacob's	1	47	45	12		8	2	45				4	1	62		27		10	" "
" " " (sup.)	Berwick	2	102	90	12	3	20	4	99	1			2				95		2	" "
Alpheus E. Baichly	Liberty Center	3	161	67	8	32	63	28	135	4	1	28	4	2	182		51	1347	9	Liberty Center, O.
Joseph H. Hunsberger	Heidelberg	3	132	139					105					3	145				10	Findlay, O.
Augustus Konatzke	Van Buren	1	31		2		13		29											Hammansburg, O.
John J. M. Gruber*	Ada	2	116	165	6		8	4	93				1	2	195			475	10	Ada, O.
Peter Tendick	Without Charge																			Tiffin, O.
David J. Meese	Stated Supply																			Sandusky City, O.
Charles O. Knepper, Lic.	Prof. in Heid. College																			Tiffin, O.
Total, 17.		27	2055	1297	221	62	261	160	1817	64	1	75	78	24	2158	5	$1326	$14040	126	

* Took charge of the Ada Charge, October, 1879.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommu'ted.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Sch'ls.	Sunday School Scholars.	Stud'ts Min'ry.	Contributi's Benevolent Purposes.	Contributi's Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
David Winters, D. D.	Mt. Zion	4	440	160	16	8	53	10	155	20		35	15	4	210		$100	$750	15	Dayton, O.
Samuel B. Yockey	Xenia	2	298	75	4	9	17	2	240	2			4	2	200		319	2476	10	Xenia, O.
William McCaughey	Miamisburg	1	359	129	23	14	28	18	301	1		1	5	1	280		114	1950	20	Miamisburg, O.
Henry M. Herman	West Alexandria	3	420	100	24	26	45	15	390	2		4	10	3	400	1	200	1400	20	West Alexandria, O.
Jacob M. Le Fevre	Fairfield	3	250	250	6	6	12	14	250	8			1	3	180		6	900	6	Fairfield, O.
Daniel R. Taylor	Union*	4	350	49	18	32	47	20	281	4			6	4	212		42	477	20	North Hampton, O.
G. Wm. H. Smith	Cæsar's Creek	2	170	44	17	46	75	12	240			2	2	2	127		293	2889	6	Xenia, O.
" " " (sup.)	Highland	2	284	88	18	51	78	4	208			11	5	2	227		286	815	7	
rge Z. Mechling	Hamilton	2	75	44		4	6	1	68			8	1	2	140			400	1	Hamilton, O.
than C. Beade	Port Jefferson	3	185	54	12	15	14	5	185	35			1	3	270		50	800	16	Sidney, O.
am A. Hale	First Church, Dayton	1	379		15	5	25	44	395	3	2	8	6	1	175		56	3435	12	Dayton, O.
n F. Frank	Farmersville	2	250	130	23	5	36	7	170			21	1	2	249		10	1740	6	Farmersville, O.
Stuck	Mt. Pleasant	4	117	56	23	8	18	6	98	4	2	6	3	3	218		25	484	1	Hill Grove, O.
am M. Andrews	St. Paris	3	275	215	1		3		253					3	275		12	500	10	St. Paris, O.
Weaver	Salem	2	40	7	2		2	2	25	3		1							3	Sidney, O.
hard B. Reichard	Springboro	1	94	30	3	2	2	2	78				1	1	70	1	90	825	4	Springboro, O.
am Hawker	Mt. Carmel	2	100	80	13	11	22	14	80	5			3	2	100		33	490	12	Dayton, O.
Peter C. Prugh	Germantown	2	198	65	15	7	17	10	153	5			4	1	180		60	3800	6	Germantown, O.
" " " (sup.)	Winchester	1	43	12	3		3	1	36				1				8	40	2	
Levi Rike (sup.)	Elk Creek	1	15	10	1	1	2		11					1	25			400	2	Middletown, O.
John E. Dingledine	Bradford	4	131			1	6	5	131				1						2	Bradford, O.
Jesse Steiner	New Madison†	3	172	70	6	16	27	2	270				1	3	203		30	400	4	Millerstown, O.
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Editor "Instructor"																			Miamisburg, O,
Samuel Mease, D. D.	" "Christian World"																			Dayton, O.
John Pence	Without Charge																			Tremont, O.
Hiram Shumaker	" "																			Lawrence, Tex.
Ephraim M. Epstein	Prof. Heidelberg College																			Tiffin, O.
Thomas H. Winters	Without Charge																			Xenia, O.
Total, 26.		52	4645	1668	343	167	538	194	4018	92	4	97	71	43	3742	2	$1734	$24971	185	

* As a correction, it is here stated that Rev. Hiram Shaull, though through some inadvertence his name became misplaced in the Minutes of 1878, continued pastor of the Union Charge until April 1, 1878, and the statistics there given exhibit the result of his labors up to that time, when Rev. Daniel R. Taylor became pastor. † Recently taken charge of by Rev. Solomon Ream, Arcanum, O.

STATED CLERK.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
George H. Leonard	Basil	2	402	133	20	6	31	11	389	4	1	10	7	2	300		$321	$1300	10	Basil, O.
John Vogt	Delaware	1	236	121	24	3	13	17	193	1		5	6	1	129		197		10	Delaware, O.
Francis C. Yost	Thornville	4	360	125	25	8	39	17	340	7	1	1	8	3	285	1	367	3160	10	Thornville, O.
Silas P. Mauger	Winchester	4	275	80	24	2	18	13	250	5		12	7	4	275		320	3000	10	Canal Winchester, O.
Austin Henry	Kinnickinnick	3	142	70	29	1	19	7	130	5			2	3	223		40	4574	6	Hallsville, O.
James Heffley	North Union	1	22	15	3		2		22				1	1	50				2	Canal Winchester, O.
Jacob Klingler	Stoutsville	3	238	120	41	5	15	11	141	4		6	4	3	200		98	650	4	Stoutsville, O.
Michael Loucks	Ch. of the Cross	1	38	25	13	1	10	10	34	7		8	3	1	49		23	160	2	Somerset, O.
Joseph W. Barber	Jerusalem	3	90	50	9	1	6		75			6	2	3			74	425	6	Bremen, O.
Henry H. Sandoe	Union	4	284	156	20	14	36	19	214			3	8	4	304		142	1305	21	Baltimore, O.
Vacant	Lancaster*	2	276						175				1	2	112		41	734	2	Lancaster, O.
Henry King	Without Charge																			Baltimore, O.
Peter D. Schory	" "																			Lancaster, O.
Total, 12.		28	2363	895	208	41	189	105	1963	33	2	51	49	27	1927	1	$1623	$15308	83	

* Recently taken charge of by Rev. John M. Kendig, Lancaster, O.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Sebastian C. Goss	Wadsworth	4	352	138	9	10	23	6	302	13	1	8	9	4	350		$77	$853	16	Wadsworth, O.
Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.	Union	4	276	167	9		10		230	4			4	3	170		81	660	20	Wadsworth, O.
Silas B. Mase	Tuscarawas	4	258	214	7	2	2	5	240	3			4	4	250	2	44	635	20	Massillon, O.
John H. Beck	Uniontown	4	210		11	1	14	5	179	2			6	3	210		10	610	8	Lake, O.
Milton H. Groh	Manchester	4	205	115	12	5	7	10	184	5			4	3	270		108	855	18	Lake, O.
Edward Herbruck	Canton	1	200		11	4	25	9	175	1		2	2	1	195		28	935	5	Canton, O.
Emil P. Herbruck	Akron	1	190	60	9	10	27	33	165	1		14		1	150		29	700	16	Akron, O.
Charles W. Good	Shelby	3	183	75	7	10	12	10	173	1				3	280		45	600	15	Shelby, O.
Vacant	Reedsburg*	3	164		2	7	6	5	164	2			2	3	270		24		8	Reedsburg, O.
John S. Stoner	Navarre	3	156	42	2	5	13	8	123	2		1		3			60	350	12	Navarre, O.
James H. Steele	Mohican	3	152	102	7	2	7	3	105	2			3	2	185	1	10	1459	14	Mohican, O.
Theodore J. Bacher	Wooster	1	138	75	15	1	8	34	120	3		1	2	1	115			2358	10	Wooster, O.
Hiram Shaull	Shenandoah	4	132		6	22	36	17	128	5			1	4	375		63	700	16	Polk, O.
Lewis M. Kerschner	West Salem	3	128	76	1		2	3	119	1				3	190		15	1860	15	West Salem, O.
Charles M. Schaaf	Bristol	1	93	60	4	3	10	9	93	4				1	90		30	400	5	Marshallsville, O.
Joseph Kester	Canaan	2	93		3				93				2	2	95				5	Bucyrus, O.
Jacob V. Lerch	Without Charge																			Ashland, O.
Total, 16.		45	2930	1124	115	82	202	157	2593	49	1	26	39	41	3215	3	$624	$12972	203	

* Taken charge of by Rev. Edward D. Wettach, Reedsburg, Ohio.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	Pres. Theol. Sem.																			Tiffin, O.
Herman Rust, D. D.	Prof. in Theol. Sem.																			" "
George W. Williard, D.D.	Pres. Heid. College																			" "
Reuben Good	Prof. in Heid. "																			" "
Lewis H. Kefauver, D.D.	First Church, Tiffin	1	227	120	12	2	13	15	219	15			8	1	228		$194	$2696	12	" "
Jesse Richards	Fremont	2	140	67	20	16	45	12	120	10		3	11	2	200		182	1650	10	Fremont, O.
Amos Casselman	Fostoria	2	80	40	5	1	4	9	65	6		2	4	1	71		37	1325	9	Fostoria, O.
William J. Peters	Zion?	2	210	140	38		4	14	170	2			13	2	180		209	1042	15	Bellevue, O.
Samuel Shaw	Bloomville	1	91	44	11	6	17	26	85	9		13	3	2	350		105	1200	10	Bloomville, O.
Allen K. Zartman	Helena	3	174	67	13	2	10	15	164	2			1	3	160	2	15	700	8	Helena, O.
Nathaniel H. Loose	Bellevue	1	175	140	27		22	12	155	5		15	8	1	131		39	1600	10	Bellevue, O.
Dr. Rust (sup.)	Second Ch., Tiffin	1	249	123	61		32	17	233	9		13	15	1	160	3	257	900	1	Tiffin, O.
Dr. Williard (sup.)	Ft. Seneca	2	120	50	4		2	2	100	1		1	3	2	94		115	905	10	" "
Dr. J. H. Good (sup.)	St. Jacob's	1	47	45	12		8	2	45				4	1	62		27		10	" "
" " " (sup.)	Berwick	2	102	90	12	3	20	4	99	1			2				95		2	" "
Alpheus E. Baichly	Liberty Center	3	161	67	8	32	63	28	135	4	1	28	4	2	182		51	1347	9	Liberty Center, O.
Joseph H. Hunsberger	Heidelberg	3	132	139					105					3	145				10	Findlay, O.
Augustus Konatzke	Van Buren	1	31		2		13		29											Hammansburg, O.
John J. M. Gruber*	Ada	2	116	165	6		8	4	93				1	2	195			475	10	Ada, O.
Peter Tendick	Without Charge																			Tiffin, O.
David J. Meese	Stated Supply																			Sandusky City, O.
Charles O. Knepper, Lic.	Prof. in Heid. College																			Tiffin, O.
Total, 17.		27	2055	1297	221	62	261	160	1817	64	1	75	78	24	2158	5	$1326	$14040	126	

* Took charge of the Ada Charge, October, 1879.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Additions. Confirmed.	Additions. Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Fred F. Christine	New Jefferson	1	113	45	5	6	10	5	70	1		4	2	1	50	1	$28	$3146	10	Germano, O.
Henry Hilbish	Mt. Olivet	2	277	150	28	5	28	4	220	1			3	2	275		85	2800	20	North Lima, O.
James T. Hale	New Lisbon	2	201	54	9	13	23	6	177	3			3	2	215		201	1515	18	New Lisbon, O.
John J. Leberman	Louisville	3	459	120	56	23	78	27	360	8		5	42	3	384	2	264	2900	30	Louisville, O.
John Meckley	Springfield	2	249	190	17	11	27	12	179	11			3	1	70		50		10	Petersburgh, O.
Michael A. Miller	Carrollton	2	249	63	3	2	12	2	179				7	2	179		75	947	10	Carrollton, O.
Edward H. Otting	Warren	5	162	137	4		20	2	152	8		1	1	2	75				10	Warren, O.
Frank C. Witthoff	Moultrie	2	40	30					30					1	75					Homeworth, O.
Henry T. Spangler	Columbiana	1	192	95	11	11	19	15	152		1		7	1	220		122	1255	10	Columbiana, O.
Jacob B. Zumpe	Canfield	3	265	185	21	6	35	9	218		1	1	7	2			45		15	Canfield, O.
John M. Kendig	Missionary Sup't																			Lancaster, O.
Students.																				
Jacob M. Kerstetter																				Louisville, O.
Isaiah S. Hahn																				Louisville, O.
Total, 11		23	2207	1099	154	77	252	82	1728	32	2	11	75	18	1513	3	$947	$13063	148	

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Daniel Lantz	Forreston	2	150	66	13	1	18	5	150	1			3	1	50	1	$23	$1302	4	Forreston, Ill.
Isaac A. Sites	Dakota	3	68	39	5	1	2		60	1	6	1	5	2	60		135	1100	4	Freeport, Ill.
Frederick W. Stump	Orangeville	4	131	84	14	4	28	7	115	1			4	*4	360		131	1160	5	Orangeville, Ill.
Joseph Sechler	Damascus	1	35	20	4	1	9		35	1			1	1	40		20	150	4	Lena, Ill.
Ottmar Esselborn	Loran	1	70	58	16		5		65	5		6	5	1	25		5	700	2	Loran, Ill.
Joshua H. Derr	Spring Bay	2	75	35	7				75			2						93	5	Spring Bay, Ill.
John Kercher	Washburn	1	†50	40	16		13		50										1	Larose, Ill.
Vacant	Freeport ‡	1	†82	14	7		5	5	70	12		2	2	1	60	1			4	Freeport, Ill.
William G. Hackman	Without Charge																		1	Burr Oak, Mich.
Total, 8.		15	661	356	82	7	80	17	620	21	6	11	20	10	595	2	$314	$4505	30	

SHELBY CLASSIS.

Jeriah S. Shade	Astoria	3	85	75	15		9		72				5	2	50				5	Summum, Ill.
Simon P. Myers	Anna	4	196	118	14	6	12		175			4	6	5	225			$700	5	Anna, Ill.
Daniel K. Fulcason.	Invalid																			Blue Mound, Ill.
Robert F. Oplinger	Mt. Zion	2	85	65	11		4	3	75	4			1	2	125		$5		5	Grove City, Ill.
John Naille																				Lyons, Ill.
Vacant	Altamont	3	87																	
"	Shelbyville ‖	2	50	30	10	2	11		45				2	1	70				4	
Total, 5.		14	503	288	50	8	36	3	367	4		4	14	10	470		$5	$700	19	

* Union Sunday Schools. † Last year's report. ‡ Supplied by Rev. J. Wernly. ‖ Report of one Congregation, namely, St. Paul's, supplied by Rev. R. F. Oplinger.

IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Frederick C. Bauman	Harmony	1	127	107	28		4	3	123	1				1	97		$87	$260	2	Zwingli, Ia.
Dewalt S. Fouse	Tipton	4	147	76	11	3	5	13	141	9		3	1	3	173		88	700	5	Lisbon, Ia.
Cyrus Cort	Columbus Junct'n	2	100	108	5		2	3	87	1			1	2	100		24	800	3	Columbus City, Ia.
David P. Lefever	Pleasant Valley	1	55	61	5		4	3	48	3			1	1	47		24	205	3	Essex, Ia.
Thomas S. Land	Brandon	1	40	9	2				15					1	15		9	30	2	Brandon, Ia.
John A. Smith	Boulder	3	95	89	8		7	4	84	8		5	6	3	85		23	310	2	Anamosa, Ia.
Jacob Kuhn	Millersburg	3	85	50	4	1	21	17	85				3	1	40		3	200	1	Millersburg, Ia.
John H. Buser	Coneville	3	120	25	3	3	3	3	120	4		2		2	85		20	437	1	Coneville, Ia.
Henry Keller	Maquoketa	3	64	24					52					1	60		15	174	1	Maquoketa, Ia.
Samuel C. Long	Wilton	1	50	59	6			2	50				2	1	36		37	305	3	Wilton Junction, Ia.
George Rettig	Smithtown	1																		Monticello, Ia.
George Weber*	Blairstown		26	16					13								2		1	Vinton, Ia.
George H. Albright*																				New Lisbon, O
Total, 13.		23	909	924	72	7	48	48	818	26		10	14	16	738		$314	$3351	24	

* Without Charge.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Andrew Butt	Montpelier	1	16	9				4				2						$40		Montpelier, O.
Wm. H. Fenneman*	Union	3	135	80	3		10	2	120				1	2	100		$17	400	5	Waterloo, Ind.
Lewis Grosenbaugh	Three Rivers	1	140	65	7		1	10	140	2		75		1	100		9	600	6	Three Rivers, Mich.
Jerome B. Henry	Marshall	4	199	75	25	18	53	27	161	6			3	4	239		25	345	6	Plymouth, Ind.
Scott F. Hershey	Rochester	2	54	40		6	11	2	20		1			1	39		22	320	2	Rochester, Ind.
Jacob Ihle	St. Paul	2	90	35	4		3	5	60				3	2	145		25		4	Burr Oak, Mich.
Reuben Keller	Neriah	1	45	28	9	3	8	2	35					1	80		14	90	6	Erie, Mich.
Jonas Michael	Winamac	3	145	53	3	24	65	12	125	1		25	1	1	50				8	Winamac, Ind.
Solomon Ream	Wakeshma†	3	116	71	3	5	13	5	89	2		4	1	2	80		24	246	8	Fulton, Mich.
John R. Skinner	Bunker Hill‡	4	147	28	11	9	20	6	82	3		6	6	2	63		18	307	12	Pulaski, O,
Elias Spangler	Farmer	1	27			2	18		27			5		1	40			10		Edgerton, O.
Edwin R. Williard	White Pigeon	2	119	50	4	12	15	13	117				2	2	153		11	304	3	White Pigeon, Mich.
Wm. H. Ziegler	Zion	2	134	60	8	7	7	11	100	1			1	2	254		13	625	3	Goshen, Ind.
L. Grosenbaugh, Supply	Moore Park	1	52	17	3		14	2	52								9	1200	4	Park Grove, Mich.
S. F. Hershey, "	Clay Pool	3	101	46	8	9	19	6	72	1		3	1	1	75		18	370		Denver, Ind.
Vacant	Bluffton	2	100				14		80				3	1	60		19	275		Bluffton, Ind.
H. Leutzinger	Without Charge																			Sturgis, Mich.
Daniel Kroh	" "															1				Erie, Mich. [Mich.
David H. Reiter	" "																			Berrien Springs,
Peter J. Spangler	" "																			Farmers' Center, O.
Henry Bair	" "																			Millersburg, Ind.
Total, 18		35	1620	657	88	95	271	107	1280	16	1	120	22	23	1478	1	$224	$5132	67	

*Recently removed to Tiffin, Ohio. †Recently taken charge of by Rev. D. H. Reiter, Fulton, Mich. ‡Recently taken charge of by Rev. Anson L. Hassler.

CINCINNATI CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
John Heckman	Salem's Church	1	748	427	166		122	52	700	5	1	22	76	1	450	1	$750	$4000	2	Cincinnati, O.
Bernhard R. Hücker	Reformed Church	1	192	99	35		10	5	143	2		14	8	1	135		142	1710	2	Covington, Ky.
C. F. William Stechow*	Beaver Charge	6	250	190	51		24	22	150	3	1	11	15	3	140		70	950	2	Beaver, O.
John C. Henneman	Jackson Charge	5	204	165	39		25		161	20	1	5	11	1	20		65	800	2	Beaver, O.
John Bachman	First Ref. Church	1	430	391	75		32		415	12	1	22	31	2	275		425	3000	5	Cincinnati, O.
G. J. Reiche	Rising Sun	3	200	100	35		27		200	1			9	1	60		60	750	1	Rising Sun, Ind.
Nathaniel Ruetenik	Arnheim Charge	2	100	60	18		5	2	50				4	1	50		16	300	1	Higginsport, O.
Augustus Toensmeier	Ironton	1	160	100	27		10		145				1	1	120		120	1950	2	Ironton, O.
Wm. F. Horstmeier	Ev. Ref. Church	2	172	80	17		12		130				11	2	100		56	1295	2	Millville, O.
Oswald J. Accola	Second Ref. Cong.	1	175	130	15			3	140				4	1	160		216	2130	2	Dayton, O.
Vacant	Zion's	1	34	54	3				30						70		12	450	1	Piqua, O.
Henry Hanhart	Without Charge																		1	Cincinnati, O.
Total, 11.		24	2665	1696	481		267	84	2264	43	4	74	170	14	1580	1	$1932	$17335	23	

* He was dismissed to the St. John's Classis, and the Charge is served by Rev. Joseph L. Schatz.

KANSAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Vacant	Denver Mission*	1	54	42	13		3	13	36				1	2	115		$21	$700	5	Denver, Col.
Vacant	Wathena Mission	2	151		6		13	2	81				1	2	90		13	237	2	Wathena, Kan.
Daniel J. Greenwald	Brown Co. Mission	2	40	36	2							4	1				3			Sabetha, Kan.
Elias Bauman	Turkey Creek‖ "	1	76	109	9				26			1	2	1	43				4	Abilene, Kan.
Vacant	Ravanna Mission	1	17	36	4				9				1		40			40		Ravanna, Mo.
Abraham Bolliger	Hiawatha Mission	1	47		13			7	42					1	40		8	500	3	Hiawatha, Kan.
John A. Nicolai																				Abilene, Kan.
E. F. Schorer.																				Twin Creek, Kan.
Joseph H. Schlappig†																				Hamburg, Pa.
Joseph A. Keller‡																				Hartville, O.
Lewis C. Edmonds																				Emporia, Kan.
Emanuel Richards§																				Grand Prairie, Kan.
Total 8.		8	395	217	47		16	22	194			5	6	6	328		$45	$1477	14	

*Dismissed October, 1879, to Nebraska Classis, Synod of the Northwest. †Dismissed October, 1879, to Lebanon Classis. ‡Dismissed October, 1879, to St. John's Classis. §Dismissed October, 1878, to M. E. Church. ‖Recently taken charge of by Rev. Siegfried Thomas.

Note.—As Kansas Classis held its last annual meeting (October 24, 1879) about three weeks after the annual meeting of Synod at Goshen, the above table is the one adopted in October, 1878, which was the one furnished to Synod. It is, therefore, somewhat defective, but the best that could be done under the circumstances.

Stated Clerk.

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FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in General Convention in Grace Reformed Church at Columbiana, Columbiana County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the twentieth day of October, at seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and closed its sessions on the following Monday afternoon at four o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod, pursuant to adjournment, convened in General Convention at Columbiana, Ohio, the president, Rev. John J. Leberman, being in the chair, and, after an invocation and singing, and prayer by Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., proceeded to effect a permanent organization by the enrollment of its members and the election of its officers.

The synodical sermon, by arrangement of the retiring president, was preached on Thursday evening by Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., from John 15: 8: "*Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Miami.	Samuel B. Yockey.	Andrew H. Baughman.
	Henry M. Herman.	John C. Hoerner.
	William A. Hale.	
	Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	
	Michael Loucks.	George F. Wentz.
	Jonathan C. Beade.	
	Peter C. Prugh.	
Lancaster.	George H. Leonard.	George Holman.
	Silas P. Mauger.	Jacob Giesy.
	Austin Henry.	
	John M. Kendig.	
Tuscarawas.	Sebastian C. Goss.	John S. Simmerman.
	Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.	John Harter.
	Silas B. Mase.	
	Emil P. Herbruck.	Levi Bolander.
	John S. Stoner.	Thomas W. Chapman.
	James H. Steele.	Henry Dillier.
	Theodore J. Bacher.	William H. Bahl.
	Lewis M. Kerschner.	Gideon Leiby.
	Charles M. Schaaf.	
	Joseph Kester.	
	Orange E. Lake.	John Shoup.
	Edward D. Wettach.	
Tiffin.	Herman Rust, D. D.	
	Geo. W. Williard, D. D.	
	Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Lewis Keller.
	Amos Casselman.	
	Allen K. Zartman.	
	John J. M. Gruber.	
	William Smith.	Henry Stoner.
	John I. Swander.	

E. Ohio.	John J. Leberman.	John Coy.
	John Meckley.	
	Edward H. Otting.	Moses Yeager,
	Henry T. Spangler.	Syl. J. Rohrbaugh.*
	James T. Hale.	Solomon Elser.
	Milton H. Groh.	Samuel Worman.
	William A. Miller.	
	John H. Bomberger.	
N. Illinois.	Daniel Lantz.	
	Isaac A. Sites.	
	Joshua H. Derr.	
Shelby.	No members present.	
Iowa.	Henry Keller.	
St. Joseph.	Scott F. Hershey.	
	Reuben Keller,	Samuel Rauch.
	Frank C. Witthoff.	
Cincinnati.	No members present.	
Kansas.	Daniel J. Greenwald.	

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From St. John's Classis, Synod of the Northwest.—Revs. Frederick Strassner, Geo. W. Henning, and Edmund Erb.

From Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac.—Rev. Jer. Marion Mickly.

From Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod.—Rev. Joel W. Alspach.

From Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburg Synod.—Rev. John McConnell.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Frederick Wall, Presbyterian Church.
" Alexander B. Maxwell, Presbyterian Church.
" Josephus F. Sponseller, Evan. Lutheran Church.
" Isaiah J. Miller, " "
" Charles H. Edwards, Methodist E. Church.

*His seat was occupied during Monday morning by Elder Robert Bell, *secundus*.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey *President*, Xenia, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Michael Loucks, *Cor. Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Synod's Rules of Order were observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined to extend from the *seventh* pew from the front of the pulpit.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of Synod,

The Morning Sessions to open at eight and a half, and the first half hour to be spent in devotional services.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at two and close at five o'clock.

There was a session held on Saturday evening.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Religious Services—Revs. Henry T. Spangler, Allen K. Zartman, James H. Steele; Elders John S. Simmerman and Sylvester J. Rohrbaugh.

Synodical Minutes—Revs. Sebastian C. Goss, Amos Casselman, John S. Stoner; Elders John C. Hoerner and Levi Bolander.

Minutes of Classes—Revs. Henry M. Herman, Michael Loucks,

Emil P. Herbruck; Elders George F. Wentz and Andrew H. Baughman.

Overtures—Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., John Meckley, William Smith; Elders Lewis Keller and John Shoup.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination—Revs. Geo. W. Willard, D. D, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., Austin Henry; Elders Andrew H. Baughman and Thomas W. Chapman.

State of Religion—Revs. John J. Leberman, Edward H. Otting, Herman Rust, D. D.; Elders John Harter and Henry Stoner.

Missions—Revs. John M. Kendig, Reuben Keller, Silas P. Mauger, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.; Elders Moses Yeager and Thomas W. Chapman.

Theological Seminary—Revs. Theodore J. Bacher, John I. Swander, William Smith; Elders Thomas W. Chapman and George F. Wentz.

Heidelberg College—Revs. Silas P. Mauger, Reuben Keller, James T. Hale; Elders Sylvester J. Rohrbaugh and Moses Yeager.

Sunday-school and Catechisation—Revs. Geo. H. Leonard, Daniel J. Greenwald, Daniel Lantz; Elder Levi Bolander and John Harter.

Publication—Revs. Isaac A. Sites, Austin Henry, Frank C. Witthoff, Henry M. Herman, Geo. H. Leonard; Elders John C. Hoerner and Henry Stoner.

Finance—Revs. Amos Casselman, William A. Hale, Charles M. Schaaf; Elders Samuel Worman and Jacob Giesy.

Nominations—Revs. Peter C. Prugh, Lewis M. Kerschner Jonathan C. Beade; Elders George Holman and Samuel Rauch.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, Shelby, Iowa, St.

Joseph, Cincinnati and Kansas, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the committee on those subjects.

2. The reports of the Board of Trustees and of the Board of Education of the Theological Seminary, together with the reports of their respective Treasurers, were received and referrd to the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary.

3. The reports of the Board of Trustees, and of the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College, together with that of the Financial Agent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College.

4. The reports of the Board of Home Missions, and of its Treasurer, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

5. The reports of the Board of Church-Erection, and of its Treasurer, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

6. The report of the Board of Sunday-schools was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

7. The report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

8. The report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

9. Other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures, whose report presents the facts.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services:

1. The sessions throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services submitted their report, which was received, and as amended adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Religious Services would report as follows:

Reformed Church. — Thursday evening: synodical sermon, Rev. H. Rust, D. D. Friday evening: missionary meeting, in charge of Board of Missions. Saturday evening: Sunday-school meeting, in charge of Board of Sunday-schools. Saturday afternoon: preparatory services—sermon, Rev. S. B. Leiter, D. D.; liturgical services, Rev. Geo. H. Leonard. Sunday morning: communion sermon, Rev. S. B. Yockey; liturgical services, Rev. S. C. Goss. Sunday afternoon: children's mass-meeting at 3:30. Addresses by Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., Rev. A. Casselman, Rev. E. D. Wettach, Rev. I. A. Sites, Rev. H. M. Herman. Sunday evening: ordination sermon, Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D.; liturgical services, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., Rev. A. Henry.

M. E. Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. T. J. Bacher. Sunday evening: Rev. S. B. Mase.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday afternoon: Rev. I. A. Sites.

New Lisbon Charge.—Sunday morning: Rev. S. P. Mauger. Sunday afternoon: Rev. Henry Keller.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. SPANGLER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Synod, two copies of which having been received through the Stated Clerk, were referred to the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes. This committee presented the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item, and adopted as a whole:

II. Requests and Recommendations.

Item 2. Lancaster, Tiffin, and St. Joseph Classes call the earnest attention of Synod to the subject of intemperance, and Tiffin Classis asks for a deliverance of Synod on the subject.

Item 3. Iowa Classis requests Synod to grant said classis a regular dismission for the purpose of uniting with neighboring classes in the formation of a new Synod; and that the Synod be requested to take such further action as may be necessary to carry into full effect the enabling act passed by it.

Item 4. Iowa Classis also requests Synod to erase from the minutes all pertaining to the matter between Rev. W. Hansen and the classis, with the exception of the direction to the corresponding secretary, inasmuch as the matter was settled by classis before complaint was brought before Synod.

Item 5. Cincinnati Classis requests Synod to excuse its members from attendance at the present sessions of Synod.

III. Appeals and Complaints.

Item 6. Tuscarawas Classis calls the attention of the Synod to a mistake in its Minutes, making the debt assumed by classis in the Canton Mission $400, instead of $1,400, as it should be.

IV. Subjects Referred to Classes.

Item 7. Miami, Iowa, Lancaster, Shelby, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Northern Illinois, and St. Joseph Classes concurred in Synod's action with reference to the formation of congregational missionary societies, and holding two collections, December and Easter season, for said purpose.

Item 8. Miami, Tiffin, Shelby, Tuscarawas, Northern Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, and Eastern Ohio Classes concurred in Synod's action with reference to foreign missions.

Item 9. Iowa Classis accedes to Synod's request to encourage and support the superintendent of Home Missions.

Item 10. Miami, Lancaster, Iowa, St. Joseph, and Kansas Classes concur in Synod's request to support the beneficiary education interests of Synod.

Item 11. Iowa Classis adopts Synod's action in commending Heidelberg College to the confidence of the church.

Item 12. Miami, Lancaster, Kansas, Iowa, Eastern Ohio, and St. Joseph Classes favor the project proposed by Synod of establishing a central institution for orphans.

Item 13. Miami, Eastern Ohio, Tuscarawas, Iowa, St. Joseph, Shelby, and Lancaster Classes adopted Synod's request in requiring secretaries of Sunday-school conventions to send a statistical report to the president of Synod's Board.

Item 14. Miami, Tuscarawas, Iowa, St. Joseph, and Kansas Classes acquiesces in Synod's request to insert the number of subscribers to the *Christian World* in the parochial reports.

Item 15. Miami, Shelby, Tuscarawas, Kansas, and St. Joseph Classes unite in Synod's recommendation of the *Heidelberg Catechism*, as prepared by Rev. J. H. Good, D. D.

Item 16. Miami, Iowa, St. Joseph, Eastern Ohio, Tuscarawas, and Tiffin Classes concurred in Synod's request with reference to the publication interests of Synod, namely, increasing the number of subscribers to the *Christian World*, and collecting arrearages.

Item 17. Iowa and Tuscarawas Classes can not see their way clear to accede to Synod's request with reference to the dissolution of their classical missionary boards, and wish to be excused from complying with Synod's request.

Item 18. Lancaster, Iowa, Tuscarawas, St. Joseph, and Eastern Ohio Classes adopted Synod's request to hold special collections for the Butler Orphans' Home.

Item 19. Shelby, St. Joseph, Tuscarawas, Eastern Ohio, and Lancaster Classes concur in Synod's request as to the introduction of the catechism in the Sunday-schools.

Item 20. Miami, Iowa, Lancaster, St. Joseph, Eastern Ohio, Tuscarawas, and Northern Illinois Classes concur in Synod's apportionment of expenses for the Peace Commission.

Item 21. Lancaster, Tuscarawas, and Northern Illinois Classes concur in Synod's request with reference to Stated Clerks of Classes furnishing obituary notices of ministers deceased during the year.

ng, and thus causing strife and division, asking that the defense of the said Rev. C. Cort, as set forth in this paper, be placed upon record in the minutes of Synod.

Item 6. Is a communication from the Rev. C. Cort, in which he calls the attention of Synod to its action at Delaware, Ohio, in 1869, in regard to himself, asking for a redress of his grievances in some way.

Item 7. Is a letter from the Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home at Butler, Pa., in which he calls the attention of Synod to the interests and needs of the Home, with a copy of the *Orphan Messenger*.

Item 8. Is a resolution from the Eastern Ohio Classis, communicated by its Stated Clerk, stating that it had confirmed a call from the Columbiana charge to licentiate John Huston Bomberger, and asking that Synod's Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination ordain him to the gospel ministry, and install him as pastor of the Columbiana charge.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

The disposition of the report is as follows: Item 1 was adopted and excuse granted; item 2, *a* adopted and excuse granted; for action in items 2, *b* and *c*, and 4, see Article XX., Church Government; item 3 referred to Committee on Publication, and for action thereon see Article XXI., Publication; for action in items 5 and 6, see Article XIX., Complaints; for report in item 7, see Article XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; item 8 was adopted and the request referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination would respectfully report:

1. That no applications for examination were received.

2. That in accordance with the request of the Eastern Ohio Classis, as represented in item 8 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, your committee, on Sunday evening, October 24th, in Grace Reformed Church, ordained the Licentiate John Huston Bomberger by the laying on of hands, and installed him as pastor of the Columbiana charge. The chairman prached the sermon based on Rev. 2: 13. Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., delivered the charge relating to ordination, Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., delivered the charge in regard to installation, and Rev. Austin Henry concluded with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, during the last day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Brethren in the Lord:—In the good and kind providence of God, our heavenly Father, we have been safely guided to the close of another synodical year, and have again been permitted to meet together to review and sum up the results of the labors of the past year, as well as to deliberate and counsel together respecting the great interests of the kingdom of God on earth. For this blessing and mercy would we give thanks to Almighty God, the giver of every good and perfect gift.

It is a matter of devout gratitude and praise that the reports from all the different classes constituting the Ohio Synod, speaks of the goodness and loving kindness of God in sparing the lives of all the ministers of the gospel, and these, with a few exceptions, have all been permitted during the entire year to attend to the preaching of the word, the administering of the

sacrements, and such other work incumbent upon the ambassador of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From all these reports we have the cheering information given that the preaching of the word has been faithfully attended to, and while the ministry has been faithful in this respect, almost all the classes report an increased attendance and interest on the regular Lord's-day services. The people realize that the word preached to them is the power of God unto salvation, and as they regularly attend the ministry of the gospel they grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. By the reception of these truths proclaimed the hearts of the people are sanctified, the deepest longings of the soul satisfied, and right precepts for the guidance and regulation of daily life supplied.

The sacraments have also been faithfully administered. At least twice in each year in every congregation has the Lord's-supper been celebrated. A larger attendance than in former years is reported. In these there ought, however, to be still greater improvement. That any who are members of the Church should neglect the glorious privilege offered for their use in the Lord's-supper, and disregard the sacred command of the Savior, "Do this in remembrance of me," argues that there are those in the Church "who, having a form of godliness, deny the power thereof." There is too large a percentage of members who are not communicants, and strenuous efforts should be put forth by the ministry to have all members come to the Lord's-table and thus keep themselves steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in breaking of bread and prayers.

Both infants and adults were baptized, and thus brought into covenant relation with God. In several of the classes where difficulties had been experienced with reference to infant baptism, we receive the gratifying report that parents are not so neglectful as previously in this respect, and are now bringing forward their children to consecrate them unto the Lord in baptism, that so they may also receive the pledge of the covenant and be admitted into the Christian church, and be distinguished from the children of infidels. This is encouraging

and full of hope for the future; for just in proportion that parents understand and appreciate the blessings of this sacrement will they be willing to acknowledge the responsibility resting upon them to bring up their children in the admonition of the Lord, and bring them to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Where this duty is understood and attended to, there also the kindred duties of family training, Sunday-school, and catechetical instruction will not be neglected. This we also know from the reports, in that it is stated in them that catechetical instruction is growing in favor with the people. While but a few years ago many of the congregations and charges paid no attention to this time-honored and revered custom of the Reformed Church, now there are very few congregations in the synod where catechisation is not practiced. From four to six months in the year are given to this important work by most of the ministers. In this way there is a continuous stream of accessions flowing into the Church; and thus she is not dependent upon spasmodic excitement or "revivals," in the common acceptation of that word. These youth carefully instructed in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion ought to become faithful and efficient members of the Church, and humble followers of the meek and lowly Jesus.

Without almost an exception, all the reports of these classes speak of the increased spirit and practice of benevolence. In this respect our church has been sadly deficient when compared with our sister denominations. We hail with joy this cheering news, and pray that benevolent contributions may steadily increase until we, as a church, may carry forward our benevolent operations in the spirit of our Master. There are yet many waste places in our borders that ought to be made to rejoice, our institutions of learning more fully endowed, young men to be prepared for the ministry, many orphans to be fed and clothed. The ministry, as well as the people, ought to arise in their power and might and stir up this gift in them, and contribute more liberally toward all these objects, knowing that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." A number of the classes which have adopted a systematic way of carrying for-

ward their benevolent operations testify they have raised more money this year than any previous year. Here is the secret of success; and just in proportion as our different classes adopt and carry out a system will our contributions increase, and the treasuries of our different boards be in such condition to do the work satisfactorily intrusted to us by the great Head of the Church.

Though the synod passed a resolution requiring ministers to report the number of *Christian Worlds* taken in each charge, but one classis (St Joseph) makes report. That church-literature is being gradually scattered among our people, we have reason to believe from articles appearing in our different church-papers. Our Sunday-school publications are receiving liberal patronage, and thus are preparing the rising generation to become a reading people. We may expect, therefore, with proper efforts put forth by the ministry and laity, that ere long the church-paper, as well as other publications of the Church, will be taken and read by all our people.

Here and there we find mention made of the prayer-meeting, yet withal not so cheering as it ought to be. Most pastors complain that the people do not as faithfully attend such meetings for prayer and conference as might be desired; and even a few oppose such meetings. While this is to be regretted, we yet hope that we are growing and improving in other graces; so we will also grow in this. Certain it is, that the spiritual life and growth of a people depend largely on the exercise of this most Christian duty.

This report might yet speak of the work of missions and the Sunday-school and education, but as these several subjects are presented by special committees, we will leave it to them to speak of the progress made in their several departments.

Altogether the review of the past year's work presents a cheerful aspect, encouraging the hearts of the faithful pastors and members of the Church. Hinderance, conflicts, woes, doubts, and fears, all these, too, have appeared, and will appear so long as the kingdom of darkness is opposed to the kingdom of light. So long as sin and Satan are the enemies of God and

man, and wage war against the Lord of hosts and his commands, the people of God can not but be warriors, too. But in all these conflicts, sharp and decided, the Captain of our salvation has been leading us on to victory even until now; and we have his promise—"Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." While all the lives of our ministers have been precious in the sight of the Lord, several of the classes report the death of faithful elders who were wont to take great interest in the work and counsel of the Church. They have gone to their rest.

And now may the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep you hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be and remain with you always. Amen.

Respectfully sumbitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

(*For Statistical Reports see Appendix.*)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

The following reports were received and considered by Synod:

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of Board of Home Missions of Ohio Synod.*

TO THE SYNOD OF OHIO:

Reverend Brethren—Without serious interruption we have been able to carry forward the work of Missions assigned us by your body. All things considered, we esteem the year a year of comparative progress, and can say that we are in no wise discouraged in this most noble work of our Church.

In the outset of the year the Board was considerably perplexed about the indecision of the superintendent of missions elect, as to his acceptance of the tendered position. The decli-

Fostoria, Tiffin Classis. This mission became self sustaining the last year, and has completed in Fostoria a fine church edifice, free of debt. The pastor deserves great praise for his diligence and zeal in this good work.

Findlay, Tiffin Classis, served by Rev. J. H. Hunsberger; appropriation $75. This is a new mission and the prospects are good. The appropriation we think will not long be needed.

Paulding County, Tiffin Classis. Is now vacant.

Germano, Eastern Ohio Classis. Is now self-sustaining.

Marshallsville, Tuscarawas Classis. By supply arrangements this point receives no appropriation this year.

Erie, *Michigan*, St. Joseph Classis. Served by Rev. R. Keller; appropriation $50. It is still worthy of the fostering care of Classis.

Points of Prospect.

Fort Wayne, Ind., and Cleveland, O., still weigh heavily upon the Board, and whenever the support of the cause of missions will warrant, the Board is inclined to make vigorous efforts to plant English churches in these cities. The prospects at Fort Wayne are especially good, but no small amount of money will answer even to begin with. We therefore are compelled to wait for the help of the Church, in greater liberality than we have hitherto received.

Other points have applied for aid, and it is contended that they are worthy the support of the Board; but hitherto we were compelled to deny their requests.

Hindrances to the Work.

The lack of funds is of course the chronic hindrance. The improvement in our benevolent contributions the last two years must not be overlooked. Were the Board free of debt this increase would be of great service, as it largely is, even under the circumstances. The Board feels constrained "to cry aloud and spare not" till every minister of the church is awake to his duty.

A second hindrance is the *refusal of the strong to bear with the weak*. By an equitable policy of reconstruction of charges, there would need be [illegible] ions less in the State of Ohio,

requiring our funds so largely needed in the West. We almost despair of the day of grace ever reaching this much needed regeneration of the spirit of our stronger charges.

A third hindrance is the want of hearty co operation of all the classes in this great work. Local difficulties are allowed to set aside the claims of the Synod in many of her most generous enterprises.

Plans of Help in the Support of Missions.

The Board still feels that much of the discouraging aspect of our work could be overcome by *thorough organization.* To this end it requests Synod again to enjoin the organization of missionary societies in the congregations in the Ohio Synod; and second, it recommends the election of a Synodical Missionary Superintendent for the ensuing year.

The Board submits to the consideration of Synod, a communication from the German Synod of the East, soliciting our co-operation in the formation of a plan for establishing an "*Emigrant Mission*" in New York city. Said plan to be submitted to the next General Synod for ratification.

The Board awaits the instruction of Synod on this subject.

Inasmuch as the necessary traveling expenses of the members of the Board is such in amount that the members do not feel able to sustain these expenses, therefore the Board asks Synod to authorize the Treasurer of the Board to pay such necessary traveling expenses as the records of the Board will reveal.

The Synod is reminded that the term of membership of the Revs. H. Hilbish and T. J. Bacher of Board of Home Missions expires at this Synod.

Circulation of Missionary Papers.

The Board is much pleased with these publications, known as the "*Missionary Sentinel*" and "*Reformed Missionary Herald.*" We consider the *Missionary Sentinel* as very useful in its sphere and commend it to the Synod as worthy of further recognition.

The *Herald* we recognize as an able paper, and although it is an eastern paper, yet it subserves a good purpose in the church

and ought to be circulated at large. We commend it with the *Sentinel* to the support of the brethren of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE J. BACHER, *Pres't.*

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2. *Report of Treasurer of Home Missions.*

REV. J. J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions, of the Ohio Synod, of the Reformed Church*, 1879—1880.

DR.

Rev. G. W. Henning	$ 4 50
Rev. J. C. Beade	2 00
Jeremiah Smith	3 00
Rev. J. W. Barber	2 00
Rev. H. Rust, D. D	5 00
J. Swander	4 00
John Zechiel	4 00
Goshen Congregation	6 44
Rev. J. Klingler	5 00
Rev. J. M. Kendig	10 00
Rev. S. B. Mase	5 00
St. Joseph's Classis, Rev. W. H. Ziegler	180 50
Rev. T. J. Bacher, "Missionary Pony"	298 51
Paul Zundt	26 13
Rev. J. H. Good, D. D	34 41
New Lisbon charge, Rev. J. T. Hale	55 95
" " " Rev. M. H. Groh	17 56
Rev A. Hawker	12 75
Rev. S. Thomas	8 80
Rev. J. A. Keller	52 71
" A. Casselman	20 56
" J. H. Beck	10 20
" L. Rike	3 00
" F. C. Yost	26 85
" S. P. Mauger	9 87
" J. J. M. Gruber	6 86
" R. F. Oplinger	2 00
" I. A. Sites	10 00
" D. J. Greenwald	11 82
" A. Bolliger	23 45
" J. S. Shade	7 08
" S. B. Yockey	56 00
" R. B. Reichard	20 00
Mr. D. K. Hassler	10 00
" W. E. Schmertz	25 00
Amount carried forward	$980 95

Amount brought forward	$980 95
Rev. J. J. Leberman	38 77
" M. Loucks	3 00
" S. C. Goss	22 45
Mr. W. V. Zartman	13 30
Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D	5 35
Interest on Pub. Money, R. Bell	10 90
Daniel Keen	1 00
Rev. E. Herbruck	30 00
" J. Meckley	37 36
" S. P. Myers	77 76
" F. W. Stump	8 00
" W. H. Herbert	23 50
" F. S. Lindaman	15 00
" R. S. Appel	15 01
" A. G. Dole	10 00
" W. A. Helfrich, D. D	102 27
" J. Sechler	20 00
" F. F. Christine	18 32
Tuscarawas Classis, Hon. T. W. Chapman, Treasurer	180 00
Rev. A. E. Baichly	17 00
" L. H. Kefauver, D. D	10 00
" D. Winters, D. D	15 00
" J. Richards	31 00
" J. C. Klar	5 00
" J. A. Nicolai	10 50
H. Snyder	3 00
John Runkle	10 90
Tuscarawas S. S. Collection, Rev. L. M. Kerschner	25 51
Emanuel Congregation, Rev. D. R. Taylor	15 09
Tuscarawas S. S. Convention, W. J. Frank	25 00
Lancaster Classis, Rev. S. P. Mauger	91 36
Canal Winchester " " "	27 75
Rev. J. H. Good, D. D	27 74
" J. B. Henry	12 64
" S. Ream	16 40
"Missionary Pony" fund, Rev. T. J. Bacher	8 00
Rev. S. B. Yockey	35 55
Hamilton Congregation, Rev. G. Z. Mechling	10 00
Tiffin Classis, Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D	125 00
Additional from Lancaster Classis	344 11
" " Tuscarawas Classis	308 71
" " Cincinnati Classis	418 00
	$3,206 08

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Rev. J. M. Kendig	$ 64 10
" R. Keller	140 50
" W. H. Ziegler	40 00
Amount carried forward	$244 60

Amount brought forward	$244 60
Treasurer's expenses	16 40
Money borrowed, O. Clark	41 76
Rev. A. Bolliger	188 45
" D. J. Greenwald	154 38
" A. Casselman	55 00
" S. Thomas	43 80
" J. A. Kellar	209 79
" H. Shumaker	385 55
" F. F. Christine	69 50
" H. T. Spangler	6 00
" T. J. Bacher, "Missionary Pony" expenses	4 00
"Missionary Pony" and feed	57 75
Money borrowed, H. Hilbish	100 25
Rev. I. S. Hahn	25 00
" L. H. Kefauver, D. D.	66 00
" J. A. Nicolai	22 50
" H. Shumaker	50 00
" Rev. J. A. Keller	25 00
Postage, Rev. T. J. Bacher	6 91
Lewis Keller, money borrowed	125 00
Lancaster Classis, additional expenditures	344 11
Miss Laura Humes, money borrowed	216 00
Additional expenses of Tuscarawas Classis	308 71
Cincinnati Classis expenditures	418 00
Cash on hand	21 73
	$3,206 08

INDEBTEDNESS OF BOARD.

Lewis Keller	$301 00
Rev. J. A. Keller	675 00
" L. H. Kefauver, D. D.	50 00
" H. Shumaker	64 45
	$1090 45

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN. *Treasurer.*

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3. *Report of Board of Church Erection.*

The Board of Church Erection would respectfully submit the following report:

The organization of the Board continues the same that it was last year: Rev. P. C. Prugh, President; Rev. S. B. Yockey, Secretary; and Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer.

At the last annual meeting of Miami Classis the Greenville Reformed Church was taken out of the hands of the Board of

Church Erection and placed under the care of the trustees of Classis. It was thought best to do this for the reason, that Classis having assumed the debt of the church, had already instructed the Board to have the deed for the property transferred to its trustees. The debt however remains still unpaid; and unless the apportionment made by Classis be soon met, there is great danger of losing the whole interest.

The Board gave permission to Rev. D. J. Greenwald to collect money for the Sabetha, Kansas, mission. Having been engaged in this work but a short time, his success has been somewhat limited.

In our last report we called the attention of Synod to interest due—$700—on money borrowed from Heidelberg College and Rev. Dr. Williard. This amount was apportioned among the different Classes. How much of it has been paid we presume the Treasurer's report will show. Some provision should be again made to meet interest now due on the same notes, the amount being $120.

From this report Synod will see how little has been done in the important work of Church Erection during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

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4. *Report of Treasurer of Church Erection.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection, of the Ohio Synod, of the Reformed Church.*

1879.	DR.	
Oct. 1	To balance in the treasury at date	$ 112 17
"	To cash from Xenia Reformed Church	3 18
1880.		
Jan. 10	To cash from Salem Charge, per Rev. J. Weaver for Greenville Church	11 00
April 20.	To cash from Mt. Carmel Charge, per Rev. A. Hawker for Greenville Church	20 00
May 19.	To cash from West Alexandria Charge, per Rev. H. M. Herman for Greenville Church	25 00
May 24.	To cash from New Madison Charge, per Rev. S. Ream for Greenville Church	40 00
	Amount carried forward	$211 35

	Amount brought forward	$211 35
May 24.	To cash from Germantown Charge, per Rev. P. C. Prugh for Greenville Church	18 00
June 3.	To cash from Valley Charge, per Rev. M. Loucks for Greenville Church	22 00
July 30.	To cash from Germantown Charge, per Rev. P. C. Prugh for Greenville Church	10 00
July 23.	To cash from Beaver Congregation, per Rev. S. B. Yockey for Greenville Church	12 40
Aug. 12.	To cash from Mt. Zion Charge, per Rev. D. Winters, D. D., for Greenville Church	37 00
Oct. 12.	To cash from Lancaster Classis, per Rev. S. P. Mauger for Synod's apportionment	29 49
Oct. 12.	To cash from Tiffin Classis, per Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard for Synod's apportionment	65 00
Oct. 20.	To cash from Tuscarawas Classis, per Rev. T. W. Chapman, treasurer	275 70
		$680 94

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Oct. 12.	By cash to Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard as interest on his $300 note	$65 00
"	" By stationery, postage, &c.	3 00
"	20 By amount paid on debt of Reformed Church, Canton, O.	275 70
"	" By balance in the treasury October 20, 1880	337 24
		$680 94

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of Committee on Home Misssons.

The Standing Committee on Missions submitted the following report, which was received and together with the foregoing reports adopted, and is as follows:

Your Standing Committee on Missions would submit the following:

The papers submitted to us are, (1) the report of the Board of Home Missions, (2) the report of its Treasurer, (3) the report of the Board of Church Erection, and (4) the report of its Treasurer.

These reports show a decided improvement in this important interest of the Synod, benevolent enterprises are inaugurated, and increased success in the labors of the Board of Missions and the several missions under their care.

We are glad to learn that two of these missions have become self-sustaining during the last year, viz: Hiawatha, Kansas, and Germano of the Eastern Ohio Classis.

Several items of interest and also certain recommendations of the Board claim the attention of the Synod, as follows:

WHEREAS, Fort Wayne, Ind., has become a point of special interest and bright in prospect for the English, and central in its location; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be instructed to place an English missionary in that field as early as possible, and in case a Missionary Superintendent be elected, he also be respectfully urged to use all proper influence in that behalf.

We learn of an increasing demand for a Missionary Superintendent, and therefore respectfully ask the Synod to elect such superintendent during the sessions of the present Synod.

As there is a prevailing German element in the Reformed membership on our western frontiers, and that element is gravitating towards the English, and in order that both these elements may, as far as possible be held together; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board be requested to place missionaries at work in the West who are able and willing to use both languages in their ministrations, except in such cases where positively the use of but one language is demanded.

Resolved, That Synod repeats its request for the organization of Congregational Missionary Societies, and asks all the Classes that have not yet done so, to take the necessary measures in this direction.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions be instructed to pay the necessary traveling expenses of the members of the Board upon their presenting official orders from the Board.

Resolved, That this Synod unites with the German Synod of the East in praying the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United Strtes to authorize its Board of Home Missions to establish missions among the emigrants of New York city and elsewhere, pursuant to such plans as the Board may devise.

Resolved, That the foregoing reports be adopted by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN KELLER, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Board of Home Missions.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. John M. Kendig. Rev. John J. Leberman.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Sebastian C Goss. Mr. Robert Bell.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Theodore J. Bacher. Rev. Charles M. Schaaf.

IV. Election of Board of Church Erection.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Rev. Henry M. Herman.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Peter C. Prugh.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

V. Election of Missionary Superintendent.

While the second item in the report of the Committee on Missions, relating to a Missionary Superintendent, was under consideration, on motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the subject matter of this item be referred to a Special Committee, who shall define the duties of the Missionary Superintendent.

The Committee consists of Revs. Geo. H. Leonard, John I. Swander and elder Robert Bell. This Committee, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, submitted their report which was received and discussed; and finally, in place of the report, the following substitute was adopted:

Resolved, That in the present condition of our mission interests, the labors of the Missionary Superintendent be divided between the canvassing for funds and the exploring of new fields and the encouraging of missions and measures, as the Board in their judgment and the existing circumstances from time to time may seem to direct.

The election of the Missionary Superintendent, on motion, was held during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions. Revs. Daniel J. Greenwald and Reuben Keller were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots. The election resulted in the choice of Rev. Simon P. Myers, of Anna, Illinois, as Missionary Superintendent.

Then, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the question of salary of the Missionary Superintendent be left with the Board of Missions.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be empowered to appoint Rev. Jonathan C. Beade as financial agent, if in their wisdom they see fit to do so.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following reports were received and considered by Synod:

I. The Annual Reports.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church would submit the following report:

1. The Board, immediately after the close of the sessions of Synod at Goshen, May 13, 1879, met and organized by the election of Rev. David Winters. D. D., President, Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, Secretary, and Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer. Several meetings were held during the year.

2. At the meeting of the Board at Dayton, Ohio, October 13th, 1880, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, There have been no additions made to the endowment of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin for some years, but during this time losses have been sustained; and

Whereas, The Trustees of said Seminary, in view of the facts stated, find it difficult to meet the salary of the professors; therefore,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod be and is hereby respectfully overtured to adopt measures to *increase* the endowment fund of the Seminary.

Also, with the view of a more definite understanding in regard to the prerogatives and duties of the Trustees, the following action was adopted.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, do hereby respectfully request the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church to define the *powers* and *duties* of said Trustees.

3. The members of the Board whose term expires at this Synod are Revs. Dr. Isaac H. Reiter and Henry M. Herman.

4. For the financial condition of the Seminary the Synod is referred to our efficient Treasurer, whose report will be duly submitted. Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WINTERS, *President.*

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2. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, at Tiffin, Ohio.*

Moneys received during the Synodical year ending October 20, 1880.

1879.	DR.	
Oct. 20.	To J. J. Schaeublin, Bluffton, O., interest on note	$ 3 00
" 31.	" Farmers' F. M. Co., Dayton, O., int. on money bor'wd	80 00
Nov. 1.	" Dayton City Bonds, semi-annual interest	280 00
" "	" N. L. Brewer, Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	200 00
" "	" Montgomery County Bond, semi-annual interest	20 00
" 13	" J. Urschel, Miamisburg, O., interest on money bor'wd	20 00
Dec. 5.	" J. Royer, Flat Rock, O., interest on note	6 00
" 8	" E. Spangler, Summum, Ill., interest on note	9 00
" 30	" J. Gephart, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	1 50
1880.		
Jan. 3.	" Geo. Spitler, Erie, Mich., interest on note	6 00
" "	" S. K. Epler, Lasalle, Mich., interest on note	5 88
" 7	" J. Zollinger, Forreston, Ill., interest on note	12 00
" 9	" J. V. Prugh, Dayton, O., interest on note	3 00
" 14	" Rev. Dr. S. B. Leiter, Wadsworth, O., interest on note	6 00
" 17	" Catharine Klingler, Ada, O., interest on note	1 00
Feb 17	" Mast & Albert, Murray, Ind., interest on note	3 90
" 18	" S. Moyer, Ridott, Ill., interest on note	12 00
" 20	" Benj. Kuhns, Dayton, O., interest on note	18 00
	Amount carried forward	$687 28

	Amount brought forward	$687 28
Mar 17	To Chas. Miller, W. Carrollton, O., int. on money bor'wd	96 00
" 26	" G. F. Medlar, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	1 50
Apr 1	" N. L. Brewer, Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	80 00
" 5	" A. Peterson, N. Burlington, O., interest on note	3 00
" 17	" Stephen Hagenbuch, dec'd, per Dr. W. A. Hagenbuch, Administrator	11 00
" 28	" Rev. F. W. Berleman, Louisville, Ky., interest on note.	4 50
" 30	" Dayton City Bonds, semi-annual interest	280 00
" "	" Montgomery County Bond, semi-annual interest	20 00
May 1	" Wm H. Simms, assignee of David Winters, as interest	61 00
" 12	" Chas. B. Reber, Wales, Ill., interest on note	12 00
" 24	" John Siegfried, Springboro, O., interest on note	1 50
" 31	" A. H. Bruennert, Tiffin, O., interest on money borw'd	80 00
" "	" F. M. & J. F. Veon, " " " " " "	64 00
Jun 12	" Daniel Wampler, Massillon, O., interest on note	3 00
" 18	" Albert Albright, Shuey's Mills, Wis., interest on note	6 00
" 24	" Wm. Hawk's estate, per Administrators, Shelby, O., int.	4 00
" "	" Jacob Sullivan, Rock Grove, Ill., interest on note	3 00
July 8	" Leonard Hoover's estate, per S. Krider, Adm'r, interest	16 60
" 15	" Geo. Bair, Astoria, Ill., interest on note in full	61
" 21	" —— Hubach, Tiffin, O., interest on note	4 57
Aug 24	" Samuel Crist, Royalton, O., interest on note	6 00
Sept 11	" J. & E. Mumaw's estate per C. Markle, executor, int'st.	25 85
" 21	" 1st Ref. Church, Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed in full	75 91
Oct 12	" N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, O., interest on money bor'wd	80 00
" "	" Jacob Briner, Shelby, O., interest on note in full	3 00
" 20	" Samuel Hetrick, Ada, O., interest on note in full	3 00
		$1633 32

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Moneys paid out during the Synodical year ending October 20, 1880.

By deficit in the Treasury Oct. 1, 1879	$146 69
Paid Prof. Jer. H. Good, D. D. on salary	673 57
" Prof. Herman Rust, D. D. on salary	655 00
For 100 catalogues of Heidelberg College and Seminary, 1880	10 00
To Treasurer on salary to July 1, 1880	125 00
To charges on bank drafts, postal orders, &c	1 40
For stationery and postage since Oct. 1, 1879	11 00
By balance in the Treasury Oct. 20, 1880	10 66
	$1633 32

The Treasurer, because of a want of funds, has not been able to meet the professors' salary as promptly as desired for the last two quarters. There was due and owing to the professors for the quarter ending August 1, 1880, the sum of $471.43. This deficit is owing to the shrinkage of the endowment,

caused by the reduction of $3,000 on the amount of the sale of the "Students' Home" property at Tiffin, and the unavoidable losses otherwise sustained on notes and interest, as well as to the fact that for some years there have been no additions made to the endowment fund. With the resources now available, it will be difficult to meet the salary of the professors as it becomes due. This is a matter that demands the special attention of the Synod, and some measures should be adopted to increase the endowment of the Theological Seminary.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1879.	DR.	
Oct. 1.	To balance in the Treasury	$ 101 50
Nov 14	" cash on note of John J. Schaeublin, Bluffton, O.	50 00
1880.		
Jan 17	" " " " Catharine Klingler, Ada, O.	50 00
Apr 17	" " " " Stephen Hagenbuch, dec'd, per W. A. H., Administrator	50 00
May 1	" " " from Wm. H. Simms, ass'gn of D. Winters.	491 75
Jun 24	" " " note of Wm. Hawk, dec'd, per Administrator	100 00
July 8	" " " " Leonard Hoover, dec'd, per Adm'r	83 40
" 15	" " " " George Bair, Astoria, Ill., in full	10 25
" 21	" " " " —— Hubach, (Veon) Tiffin, O.	300 00
Sept 8	" " " " First Ref. Church, Dayton, O., in full	700 00
" 11	" " " " J. & E. Mumaw, dec'd, per Executor, C. Markle	300 00
" 16	" " " " Dr. M. S. Long, Martztown, Pa.	25 00
Oct 12	" " " " Jacob Briner, Shelby, O., in full	25 00
" 20	" " " " Samuel Hetrick, Ada, O., in full	50 00
		$2,336 90

FUNDS INVESTED.

1880.	CR.	
Sept 8	By loan to Reiter & Shearer	$500 00
Oct 11	" " " Mary E. and Jacob Eshliman	1200 00
" 20	" balance in the Treasury, October 20, 1880	636 90
		$2,336 90

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of the Board of Education.*

The Board of Education most respectfully offers the following as its annual report:

The Board was reorganized by the election of Rev. Reuben Good as President, and Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Secretary and Treasurer. It affords us pleasure to state that the Theological Seminary at Tiffin is in a prosperous condition, and is successfully accomplishing the work for which it was designed. The following named persons were admitted as students at the commencement of the present seminary year, viz: Messrs. Wm. H. Shults, John L. Bretz, John A. Seitz, Edward M. Beck, Jacob M. Kerstetter, Wm From, Geo. A. House, Geo. H. Souder, John F. Winter, G. W. Remagen and Wm. A. Long. These, in connection with Messrs. Madison C. Peters, Paul Barringer, Albert Gonser, A. R. Holshouser, and James H. B. Lippard constitute the students of the Seminary at present. The following named persons were regularly dismissed from the Seminary and recommended for licensure, viz: Messrs. Isaiah S. Hahn, Wm. A. Miller, Lewis B. C. Lahr, John D. Neff, John W. Rauch and Wm. Smith. These gentlemen were graduated on the 18th of May, 1880, at which time the commencement exercises, which were very creditable, were held. The examinations of the students proved satisfactory, comparing favorably with those of former years. The professors bear testimony to their good deportment and studious habits.

Education.

There are now eleven beneficiary students receiving support from the Board. Seven of this number were received during the last year. All are paid the full appropriation ($100) with but two exceptions, who are receiving $50 each. Our beneficiary students generally are prosecuting their studies with commendable zeal, and their deportment is praiseworthy. Th Board has not been able to pay the students their full appropriation from the moneys received by its treasurer, and consequently was obliged to borrow $142 to meet its obligations. This sum, in connection with a balance on a note of $150,

given last year, makes the indebtedness of the Board $275. This indebtedness would not exist if all the pastoral charges within the bounds of the Synod would do only a part of their duty. From the report of the treasurer it will be seen that many prominent congregations are doing nothing for this worthy cause.

During the past year the Board was incorporated under the title of the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States This was necessitated by the bequest of the late Miss Sarah Brinker, who donated to the Board the sum of $1,500 to be properly invested and the interest to be devoted to the cause of education. It is also gratifying to the Board to have learned that the late Miss Sarah A. Hivling of Xenia, O., has remembered this Board by bequeathing to it the sum of $1,000, the interest of which is to be used in the education of indigent young men having the ministry in view.

At its last annual meeting, the Synod requested the Board to prepare a constitution and by-laws for its government, indicating the powers belonging to it, and the duties required, and report the same to the next Synod for consideration and approval. We submit to your reverend body a copy of a constitution, &c. for your consideration, which, if approved, shall be our guide in our future deliberations.

We would remind the Synod of the fact that two of the members of the Board, viz: Revs. C. W. Good and H. Hilbish, have removed from the bounds of the Synod, and suggest that the vacancies occasioned by their removal be filled. Praying that the blessing of the Great Head of the Church may rest upon all who are connected with our Theological Seminary and upon their labors. This our annual report is respectfully submitted.

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary.* REUBEN GOOD, *President.*

I. CONSTITUTION.

The Board of Education of the Ohio Synod is an incorporated body, and the following Articles of Incorporation shall be its Constitution.

First. The name and title of this corporation shall be "*The Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*"

Second. The principle place of business of this Board shall be at Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio.

Third. The object of this Board shall be to obtain funds by gifts, bequests, collections and otherwise, for the education of pious but indigent young men for the gospel ministry in the Reformed Church in the United States.

Fourth. This body is formed for purposes other than profit.

Fifth. All the property of the corporation, real, personal and mixed, shall be managed by the Trustees in trust for the Board of Education.

Sixth. The following persons shall be the Trustees: Rev. Michael Loucks for one year, Rev. Reuben Good for two years, and Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., for three years, Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., for four years and Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., for five years, and until their successors are chosen.

Seventh. The members of the Board of Education shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States according to its own rules and regulations.

Eighth. The mode in which the income of the Board shall be applied to reach the end in view, and the conditions under which it shall be given shall be regulated by the By-Laws and Rules of the Board of Education.

II. BY-LAWS.

1. The Board of Education shall also be a Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, and this Constitution and these By-Laws shall have reference to it in both these capacities.

2. The officers of the Board shall consist of a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected at the first meeting of the Board after each annual meeting of Synod.

3. The Secretary and Treasurer shall hold their offices permanently, that is, until they resign or cease to be members of the Board, and until their successors are elected.

4. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings and attend to the correspondence of the Board. He shall prepare an annual report to Synod (to be first laid before the Board or Executive Committee, if possible,) and whenever the funds of the Board shall need replenishing, it shall be his duty (in connection with the President) to make appropriate efforts to obtain additional funds. It shall also be his duty to require the signature of each beneficiary student when taken on the Board to two copies of the *Rules of the Board*, one to be kept by the student and one to be deposited with the Secretary.

5. The Treasurer shall receive, hold and disburse all funds according to the regulations and directions of the Board.

6. The Board shall hold two annual meetings: one at Synod, at 8 A. M. after the day of their election, for the purpose of organizing, electing a President and Executive Committee; and one at 4 P. M. on the day of the annual commencement of the Theological Seminary.

7. The Executive Committee shall consist of the professors in the Seminary, together with such members resident in Tiffin and vicinity as shall be chosen by the Board, and shall hold their office until their successors are appointed. The Executive Committee shall have power to attend to all business *ad interim*, when such becomes necessary.

8. As a Board of Visitors the Board shall attend the examinations in the Theological Seminary, and shall attend to such further duties as the Synod may from time to time assign to it.

9. In their report to Synod the officers of the Board shall make two separate reports: (1) Detailing their work during the year as a Board of Education, and (2) detailing their work during the year as a Board of Visitors of the Seminary.

10. These By-Laws may from time to time be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Board, provided such amendments be submitted in writing at a previous meeting.

11. At any regular or special meeting of the Board, fiv members present shall constitute a quorum to do business.

12. Whenever rendered necessary the President and Secretary, or the Executive Committee, may call a special meeting of the Board.

13. The following shall be the *Rules of the Board* with reference to the young men assisted for the ministry, which shall be printed and strictly enforced:

III. RULES OF THE BOARD.

1.) Every young man, applying for aid in the prosecution of his studies for the holy ministry, must give the Board satisfactory evidence that he has given the subject serious and prayerful consideration, and has come to the settled conclusion that he has been called of God to this work, and that he will remain fixed in his present purpose.

2.) Young men applying for aid must furnish satisfactory testimonials from their Pastors and the Consistories of the congregations to which they belong, of good standing as to their moral and Christian character, and aptness to learn.

3.) It is required that all the beneficiaries, receiving aid from this Board, place themselves under the care of one of the Classes of the Synod of Ohio, to which they must report, at least once a year, either in person, or in writing, so that the Classes may be informed of their moral character and standing in their studies.

4.) This Board shall make an annual report to the several Classes of the conduct of students under their special care.

5.) All the young men under the care of the Board are expected to maintain an upright and Christian deportment; to give due attention to their studies and recitations; to be punctual in their attendance upon the religious services connected with the College and Seminary; absolutely to refrain from such tricks and improprieties as are calculated to weaken the moral force of the Institution, and injure the cause of beneficiary education. Any one disregarding these requirements, or absenting himself repeatedly from the regular religious services of the chapel, without being excused by the President of the College, or of the Seminary, shall forfeit his appropriation.

6.) The young gentlemen under the care of this Board are enjoined to exercise strict economy and self-denial, so as to

make it apparent that they really need the support they receive. They are to contract no debts which they have no means to pay, and to indulge in no unnecessary or expensive habits, such as the use of tobacco, buggy or sleigh-riding, frequent attendance upon concerts, and places of amusement, and such things as would not be approved of, by at least a very large number of those, who contribute the funds with which they are supported.

7.) Any one finding it necessary to absent himself from the College, or Seminary, so as to raise funds, by teaching or otherwise, to help him along in his studies, shall obtain permission from the Faculty before leaving, and shall report during his absence from time to time.

8.) Every beneficiary, on receiving his appropriation shall sign the following obligation, which shall remain in the hands of the Treasurer for safe keeping:

$..... No.....

One day after date, for value received, I promise to pay to REV. H. L. KEFAUVER, D. D., Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, or to his successor in office, or order, the sum of .....Dollars.

9.) Every beneficiary shall regard it as his sacred duty after he enters the ministry, to collect funds every year for this Board, and the one-half of the amount of such funds as are sent in by him shall be credited upon the above notes as a discharge thereof to that extent.

10.) Every beneficiary can also discharge the above obligations by entering upon the service of the Board of Missions. For every year engaged in the missionary work he shall be credited with $50.

11.) Any young man under the care of the Board, who may voluntarily abandon his purpose to prepare himself for the ministry, or who may be discontinued in consequence of a failure to comply with the rules of the Board, shall be required to pay back at once the amount he may have received.

12.) The young men under the care of this Board, are earnestly requested not to enter into matrimonial engagements, at

least in the early part of their course. If any one shall enter the married state, during his course, his appropriation shall cease.

13.) Every beneficiary under the care of this Board is enjoined to regard it as an object of primary importance to grow continually in a spirit of enlightened devotion, and fervent piety, deeply impressed with the sentiment that without this, all other acquisitions will be of comparatively little worth either to himself, or to the Church. It is, therefore, affectionately recommended to each one that he give himself to the diligent study of the scriptures and the use of the means of grace, so that while he is advancing in his studies, he may at the same time grow in the knowledge and grace of the Lord, and so be an example, in word and in doctrine.

14.) Every young man on being received under the care of this Board, shall subscribe to these rules, and promise to conform himself to them, and also use his influence to get all his fellow-students to do the same.

IV. RULES OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

The following shall be the *Rules of the Board of Visitors*, with reference to admissions into the Seminary:

1. Every person wishing to enter the Theological Seminary with the view of preparing for the ministry in the Reformed Church, must have an adequate preliminary education, equivalent to that of the classical or scientific course of Heidelberg College; except in special cases, of which the Board or the Executive Committee must judge.

2. He must present testimonials as to his religious and moral character, and that he is a member of the Reformed Church, or of some other evangelical church, in good standing.

3. He must pledge himself that his conduct and life shall be consistent with the holy ministry which he has in view.

4. He cannot absent himself from recitations, or from the institution, without permission from the president or one of the professors of the Seminary.

5. He is not allowed to preach, or to supply the pulpit of any minister, without express permission of the president of the Seminary.

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4. *Report of the Treasurer of Board of Education.*

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

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To balance in treasury Oct. 1st, 1879		$ 12 55
MIAMI CLASSIS.		
To cash from Xenia cong. per Wm. Rader	$12 20	
" " " Beaver cong. of Xenia ch'g per Jacob Herring	28 06	
" " " Springboro charge per Rev. R. B. Reichard	30 00	
" " " New Madison ch'g per Rev. Solomon Ream	16 90	
" " " Elk Creek cong. per Rev. L. Rike	1 40	
" " " Salem charge per Rev. J. Weaver	1 50	
" " " Mt. Zion charge per Rev. D. Winters, D. D.	10 00	
" " " Germantown cong. per Rev. P. C. Prugh	5 00	
		$105 06
LANCASTER CLASSIS.		
" " " Rev. S. P. Mauger, Treasurer		242 80
TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.		
" " " Hon. T. W. Chapman, Treasurer		100 00
TIFFIN CLASSIS.		
" " " Bascom, Salem and St. Jacob's congregations per Rev. J. H. Good, D. D.	$32 52	
" " " Fostoria ch'g per Rev. A. Casselman	7 25	
" " " Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D.	5 00	
" " " Bloomville ch'g per Rev. S. Shaw	3 73	
" " " Ft. Seneca ch. per Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D	7 82	
" " " 1st church, Tiffin, per Rev L H Kefauver, D D	15 00	
" " " Fremont ch. per Rev. J. Richards	5 00	
" " " Ada cong. per Rev. J. J. M. Gruber	8 00	
" " " Helena charge per Rev. A. K. Zartman	8 50	
		$92 82
EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.		
" " " Rev. H. T. Spangler, Treasurer		100 00
ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.		
" " " Rev. Wm. H. Ziegler, Treasurer	$128 00	
" " " Winamac ch. per Rev. J. R. Skinner	7 00	
" " " St. Paul's ch. per Rev. Jacob Ihle	7 00	
		142 00
Amount carried forward		$795 23

Amount brought forward		$795 23

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

To cash from Rev. D. Lantz, Treasurer	$57 50	
" " " Orangeville ch. per Rev. F. W. Stump	18 00	
" " " Rev. I. A. Sites	5 00	
		$80 50

SHELBY CLASSIS.

" " " Rev. R. F. Oplinger		2 25

MISCELLANEOUS.

" " " Zion's ch. per Rev. J. A. Novinger	$20 00	
" " " Wm. E. Schmertz, Pittsburg	25 00	
" " " Rev. D. J. Meese	5 00	
" " " Rev. J. A. Keller	4 00	
" " " J. Calvin Shumaker, refunded	10 00	
" " " Board of Systematic Beneficence of North Carolina Classis per Col. H. A. Forney, Treasurer	43 08	
" " " Rev. M. Mueller, interest on loan	9 68	
" " " Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., interest on Carson bequest	22 00	
" " " Money borrowed	142 00	
		280 76
Whole amount received		$1158 74

CR.

By cash to beneficiary students	$1107 11
" to E. R Good & Bro. for printing circulars and envelopes	4 00
" for postage	2 48
" for expenses of incorporating Board	2 30
" for recording mortgage	90
" interest on $50 borrowed	85
" interest on $150 borrowed, for one year	12 00
" paid on note of $150	17 00
Whole amount paid out	$1146 64
Balance in treasury	12 10
	$1158 74

INDEBTEDNESS.

Balance due on money borrowed last year	$133 00
Money borrowed this year	142 00
	$275 00
Amount in Treasury	12 10
Total indebtedness	$262 90

PERMANENT FUND.—DR.

To cash from executor of Sarah Brinker's estate..... $777 27

CR.

By cash loaned to Rev. M. Mueller from Brinker bequest...	$777 39	
" for collection and exchange.....	1 90	
		$779 29
Due Treasurer.....		$2 02

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary submitted their report, which was received, amended, and together with the preceding reports, adopted; and it is as folows:

The papers presented to your Committee reveal a very prosperous condition of things in the Seminary at Tiffin.

The report of the Board of Education reveals great fidelity on the part of the professors in the same, for which this Synod ought to be very grateful.

The students are also reported as diligent and exemplary.

The whole number of students connected with the Seminary during the synodical year was twenty-two. Eleven of these were partially supported by the Board, showing a very commendable spirit of benevolence in this part of our church work.

Six students were dismissed from the Seminary, some to the active duties of the ministry and others are awaiting calls.

The Board of Education holds bequests to the amount of $1500 as endowment fund, from a most worthy sister in our church, whose name might be committed to posterity with gratitude and kindly remembrance. This name is Miss Sarah Brinker, of New Lisbon, Ohio.

The Synod is reminded that the Board is again in debt to the amount of $471.43. Upon this subject the committee recommends the following:

Resolved, That the ministry of the Ohio Synod be reminded of the importance of this branch of the Christian benevolence of our church, and that each Classis be urged to diligence in commending the claims of this work.

Finances of the Seminary.

It is with deep regret that the Synod must learn of a deficit in the available income of the endowment fund of the Theological Seminary.

It is proper to notice that the Board of Trustees is in no wise responsible for the decline in funds, and that the Board has under the circumstances acted quite judiciously and wisely in the management of these funds.

It is noteworthy that no effort for some years has been made to increase the endowment fund of the Theological Seminary. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod requests the Board of Trustees of the Seminary to secure if possible a portion of the time of Elder Henry Leonard, agent of Heidelberg College, to operate throughout the church in behalf of the endowment fund of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio; or in case such arrangement cannot be made to secure if possible, some other live agent to do this important work.

Instructions to Board of Trustees.

The Trustees ask for instruction as to their powers and duties. With reference to this your committee suggest the following:

That the Trustees have nothing to do with, nor are they responsible for, any of the internal management of the Seminary, such as the supervision of the professors, or students in said seminary, either as to teaching or conduct, but that these duties properly devolve on the Board of Education.

But that the duties of the Trustees are restricted to the management of the property, finances, legacies, &c., these duties usually devolving on such Boards.

The committee suggests the adoption of the reports of the Board of Trustees and of its Treasurer, and also that of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE J. BACHER, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Boards of Theological Seminary.

1. *Board of Trustees.*

Rev. David Winters, D. D., *President*, Dayton, Ohio.
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. David Winters, D. D. — Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. — Rev. William A. Hale.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. — Rev. Henry M. Herman.

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2. *Board of Education.*

Rev. Reuben Good, *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Sec'y and Treas.*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss. — Rev. David Winters, D. D.
Rev. Michael Loucks. — Rev. Reuben Good.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D. — Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose.
Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D. — Rev. Austin Henry.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. John I. Swander. — Rev. Orange E. Lake.
Rev. Peter C. Prugh. — Rev. David J. Meese.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The following reports were received and considered by Synod:

I. The Annual Reports.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board in presenting its annual report to the Synod would embrace in it merely such items as are of general interest. It has endeavored to be faithful to the trust committed to it, in watching over the interests of the college, and is glad to say that it has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity during the year, maintaining its character for efficiency and sound learning. There were 71 students in the college proper and 108 in the academical department, making 179 for the year 1879 and '80. The examinations gave evidence that the professors and students had given themselves fully to their work, and were creditable to all concerned. Twenty-one young gentlemen and ladies were graduated at the commencement in June last, which was the largest class in the history of the College.

Dr. Ephraim M. Epstein not having laid his complaints of inefficiency against the College before the Board, as directed by the Synod at Goshen, the Board not willing to let the matter rest called a special meeting on the 17th of December, 1879, and gave him due notice thereof. He appeared before the Board and made a full statement of his case, which was patiently heard and duly considered, after which the Board decided that the complaints were not sustained, and requested him to resign his position inasmuch as he had destroyed his usefulness by the unwise course he had pursued. He withdrew according to the action of the Board on the 1st of January, 1880, but claimed his salary for the entire year. This the Board declined to do. The case was recently compromised and settled.

But little was done during the year for the increase of the endowment of the College. The agent, Henry Leonard, has found it difficult to get any territory in which to operate, the most of the congregations of the Synod having already been canvassed. He has therefore given what time he has devoted

to his agency to the collection of interest due on notes given years ago.

The entire outlay of the College for the year ending in June, 1880, was $6,840.74, being an increase of about $500 over the preceding year; which is accounted for by the increase of the teaching force. The deficiency in the contingent fund at the close of the year was $1133.21, which would be more than paid if all who are in arrears for interest due would remit the same, more than half of which is due from the Synod itself.

The Board would call the special attention of Synod to the fact that no interest has been paid on the note of $1200 which the Synod authorized the Board of Church Erection to assume a few years ago, the interest of which is now nearly $700. The Synod should make some definite arrangement for the payment at least of the interest due, as the College cannot afford to have so much of its endowment lie inactive.

The Board takes pleasure in notifying the Synod of a bequest of $3,000 left the College for the increase of the library, by Mrs. R. W. Shawhan of Tiffin, Ohio, who died about six months ago, the bequest to become available at the death of her husband. This bequest coming from a devoted member of the Episcopal Church of Tiffin, is peculiarly gratifying, as it gives proof of the estimation in which the College is held in the place where it is located.

The undersigned would also state for the information of the Synod, although the case has not been formally reported to the Board, that Miss Sarah A. Hivling, of Xenia, Ohio, who died on the 29th of last August, at the residence of the president of the College, has left the sum of $10,000 to go towards the establishment of a professorship, to be called the Hivling Professorship, in memory of her deceased father, Col. John Hivling. This is the largest donation given the College thus far by any single individual. It should be a matter of devout gratitude to God that these two estimable ladies should remember the College as they have done. Long may their memories be cherished in the church for what they have done.

About one hundred volumes have been added to the College library during the year by the efforts of the president.

The Board would also state as a matter of interest to the Synod that a full history of the College had been written and published during the year by the president, the circulation of which in the families of the church cannot but have a good effect on the College itself.

No changes of importance have been made in the curriculum of the College other than that the study of the German has been made obligatory for two years on all students wishing to graduate, unless excused by the faculty for special reasons.

There is much that might and ought to be done for the College. The endowment is not what it should be. As it is the College is barely able to make ends meet. There are a number of improvements that ought to be made in the campus. The College ought to have a new building to meet its present wants, the old one having served its day.

If the Synod can inaugurate any measures by which these wants can be met, there is no doubt but that the efficiency of the College will be promoted thereby. The church should be proud of her institutions in view of what they have done in the past, and the prospect of still greater usefulness in the future. And it is believed that if an earnest and united effort was made in behalf of our institutions all their wants could be met in a short time.

More should also be done to increase the nu nber of students, which while encouraging under the circumstances is not what it might or should be. Instead of having 179 students in attendance for the year, if a proper interest were felt in the education of the youth of the church, the number should be at least 300.

In conclusion we would ask the hearty co-operation of the Synod, and pray that the blessing of God may rest on our united effort to make the College a power for good.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. WILLIARD, *President.*

2. *Report of the Financial Agent.*

This has been a busy year hunting up delinquents at their homes. Besides writing and sending out "*duns*" by mail. The result was not as successful as we might wish.

I have not made any special effort to increase the endowment. I hope to do better the coming year. I have only $50 to report.

H. LEONARD, *Financial Agent in account with Heidelberg College.*

DR.

Cash collections, "Crumbs from Old Folks," including Gov. Foster	$116 50
" from the children	23 66
Conscience money from a friend	20 00
Proceeds of Allegorical Lectures	93 27
Nett proceeds of the sale of Dr. Willard's histories of Heidelberg College	30 25
	$283 68

CR.

Paid for traveling expenses	$99 95	
" postage	26 49	
Cash to Dr. Williard, am't of Gov. Foster's collection	100 00	
		226 44
Balance due the College and paid over		$57 24
Notes, collections, new endowments, and handed over		$50 00
On old accounts, interest and principal, and paid over		2,437 10

Total number of miles traveled during the year, 3,783; total number of miles traveled since 1857, 87,745.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY LEONARD, *Agent.*

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3. *Report of the Board of Visitors.*

The Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College would submit the following as their annual report:

The Board convened in the College chapel on the 15th day of June, 1880, there being present Revs. Geo. H. Leonard, Wm. M'Caughey, John J. Leberman, Nathaniel H. Loose, Emil P. Herbruck, and Dr. Isaac H. Reiter, and organized by the election of Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., President, and Rev. George H. Leonard, Secretary.

The members of the Board, being present during the com-

mencement exercises and attending the examination of different classes, found these examinations satisfactory and the general working of the College in a good condition, exhibiting a commendable degree of diligence and progress on the part of the students, and of industry and fidelity on the part of the professors. It was evident that substantial results had been achieved, and that the College merited the continued and liberal patronage of the church.

The Board, in view of the facts therein set forth, would respectfully submit the following action for the adoption of this Synod:

WHEREAS, The Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College was instructed by the Ohio Synod at its late annual meeting to prepare a constitution and by-laws for its government, but could not see its way clear to do so; and

WHEREAS, This Board is rather advisory and ornamental than authoritative and useful in its functions and working; and

WHEREAS, A competent committee of the trustees of the College can better subserve the end desired; therefore,

Resolvek, That the office of Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College be and is hereby abolished and annulled.

Resolved, That the Synod hereby respectfully recommends to the trustees of Heidelberg College the propriety of appointing a committee, to be known as *The Committee on Instruction*, which, including their present committee on examination, shall supersede the Board of Visitors.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *President.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted; and is as follows:

Your Standing Committee on Heidelberg College beg leave to submit the following report:

From the reports placed in our possession we learn that our

institution at Tiffin, Ohio, is enjoying the usual patronage of the church, and that things of special interest are set forth in the reports.

From the financial agent's report we learn that a good portion of his time has been spent in looking after delinquents; which has necessitated much traveling, and considerable outlay of money; which can be avoided if those who are indebted to the College would make earnest effort to liquidate their indebtedness.

From the report of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors we are pleased to learn that the College has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity; and that the general working of the College is in a very good condition.

These facts deserve particular notice; which will commend the institution to the church at large, and thereby secure a larger attendance of students.

The liberal donations reported by the President of Heidelberg College are examples worthy of imitation, and may they seal to us the interest of Heidelberg College so that the endowment fund may be largely increased at an early day.

1. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the action presented to this Synod by the Board of Visitors having reference to the dissolution of the Board of Visitors.

2. In view of the immediate need of the interest ($700) on the $1,200 assumed by the Board of Church Erection, your committee recommends that the sum of $200 be apportioned to the various Classes toward the liquidation of this debt.

3. In view of the donations made during the year to the College and Library, your committee recommends the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That this Synod holds in grateful remembrance the memory of these donors, and hopes that in the providence of God many more may be led to make bequests to our institutions.

4. *Resolved*, That the action of the Board of Trustees in the case of Dr. Ephraim M. Epstein be sustained.

5. *Resolved*, That the reports of the Agent, Board of Trustees, and Board of Visitors be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS P. MAUGER, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Secretary*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. John Vogt, D. D.	John Weimer, M. D.
Rev. Henry M. Herman.	William L. Snyder.
Mr. Robert Bell.	William D. Platter.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Rev. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.
" Sabastian C. Goss.	" David Winters, D. D.
" Nathaniel H. Loose.	" William M'Caughey.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Herman Rust, D. D.	Mr. Lewis Keller.
" Samuel Mease, D. D.	" Andrew H. Baughman.
" William A. Hale.	" William E. Schmertz.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Hon. Thos. W. Chapman.
" Jer. H. Good, D. D.	Upton F. Cramer, Esq.
" Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.	George P. Williard, M. D.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

I. REPORT OF CHRISTIAN AID SOCIETY.

The Board of Trustees of the Christian Aid Society submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Board of the Christian Aid Society would respectfully

report: that nothing has presented itself during the year claiming the attention of the Board, and as it is not likely that there will be any necessity for its continuance, we would recommend that the Board be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. WILLIARD, *President.*

II. St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session of the third day of the sessions, reported in item 7 that a letter had been received from Rev. Thomas F. Stauffer, the Superintendent of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa., in which the attention of Synod is called to the interests and needs of said Home, accompanied with a copy of the *Orphan Messenger.*

Also, during the same session, by permission of Synod, Rev. John M'Connell, President of the Board of Directors of said Home, made some interesting statements in regard to the condition and wants of the Home.

Then the subject matter of the aforesaid item and statements, was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. William A. Miller, Silas B. Mase and Elder George Holman. This committee, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, submitted the following report which was received and adopted :.

1. *Report of Committee on Orphans' Home.*

Concerning St. Paul's Orphans' Home, your Committee beg leave to submit the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, The relief of the poor and needy is a duty enjoined in Holy Writ; and

Whereas, The St. Paul's Orpans' Home at Butler, Pa., was founded for this purpose; therefore,

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod, in convention assembled at Columbiana, Ohio, commend said Home to the sympathies and continued support of our people.

Resolved, That the ministers be requested to present the claims of the St. Paul's Orpans' Home at Butler, Pa., to the attention of their congregations, and that proper measures be adopted to give substantial aid in response to its appeal for heip. Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. MILLER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I. Report of Board of Sunday Schools.

The Board of Sunday-schools submitted their annual report, which was received and referred, and is as follows:

The Board of Sunday-schools of the Ohio Synod would submit their fifth annual report:

Undoubtedly the work intrusted to your committee is important, and as such should receive the earnest and prayerful attention of the church. The Synod felt this when it organized the present Board, five years ago.

Since then your Board has annually met and elected its officers, passed a few resolutions, and earnestly urged the attention of members of Synod and the church to act in harmony with Synod's instructions.

To arrange a programme for Synod is about all that is done. Surely more is required of us than that. Last year the Synod at Goshen requested every Classis to organize a Sunday-school Convention within its bounds. If this has been done we cannot report it, as we know nothing officially. No reports from the conventions as requested by Synod has been forwarded to the board.

The Secretary of the Sunday school Convention of St. Joseph's Classis sends a detailed report from only five schools within its bounds. The Secretary complains that the brethren though notified by him failed to heed Synod's request.

The Secretary of the Tuscarawas Sunday-school Convention gives no statistics whatever, but suggests the following:

Resolved, "That the Synod of Ohio through its Board on Sunday-schools prepare a blank statistical form for the use of the Sunday-school associations throughout its bounds."

From eleven Classes with 145 ministers only five ministers reported to their associations as requested, and only two classical associations noticed the Synod's board or recognized the Synod's request.

Your Board would renew the request made last year, and also would suggest the propriety of the issuing of a blank form for the use of Sunday-school associations by which a uniformity of report may be had from all.

Your Board would suggest that Saturday evening be set apart for a Sunday-school service in which the members of Synod shall take part in brief addresses, not exceeding ten minutes.

The meeting, after singing and prayer, to be opened with a short address by Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D.

Respectfully sumbitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *President.*

II. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechization submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the report of the Board, adopted :

Your Committee would respectfully report that the only document referred to us is the report of the Board of Sunday-schools. This report having been prepared under some restricted circumstances is not as full and specific on the general subject as could be desired.

From this report your Committee learn that as yet we are without official evidence that Sunday school Associotions have been organized in all the Classes of Synod. The Classes were earnestly requested to organize such associations, and if this has been done Synod should be officially informed of the fact

and annual reports of the proceedings should be submitted to Synod.

1. Your Committee would therefore respectfully suggest that the several Classes be requested to inform Synod whether they have complied with the wishes of Synod in organizing Sunday-school Associations.

2. That each Classis be requested to prepare an abstract of their proceedings anually for Synod.

3. That the Sunday-school Board be instructed to prepare a statistical blank in order to secure uniformity in the reports which may be presented.

4. In reference to catechization it is the opinion of your Committee that it is inadvisable to use the supplemental lessons of the catechism in connection with the International Lessons, but recommend that wherever practicable, that the pastor organize a catechetical class in the Sunday-school.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE H. LEONARD, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Board of Sunday Schools.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Peter C. Prugh.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D.

Members whose term evpires October, 1883.

Rev. Henry M. Herman. Rev. Richard B. Reichard.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of Synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session of the third day of the sessions, reported in item 5, that a communication had been received from members of the Reformed Church at Leighton, Iowa, in which reference is made to various appeals, complaints and charges against Rev. Cyrus Cort, at the annual meeting of the Ohio Synod at Delaware, Ohio, in 1869, with special reference to the charge of discouraging the Oskaloosa Mission in the erection of their church building, and thus causing strife and division, asking that the defense of said Rev. Cyrus Cort, as set forth in this paper, be placed upon record in the minutes of Synod.

Also, the same committee reported in item 6, that Rev. Cyrus Cort in a communication received, calls the attention of Synod to its action at Delaware, Ohio, in 1869, in regard to himself, asking for a redress of his grievances in some way.

The subject matter of these items, which were adopted, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Sebastian C. Goss, Joseph Kester and elder Solomon Elser. This committee, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the overture of Rev. Cyrus Cort, and others, complaining against the action of the Delaware Synod of 1869, and asking for the opening of the case and the expunging of said action from the minutes of Synod, submit the following:

Eleven years have passed since the said action was taken. The case passed regularly before General Synod and it is presumed met a satisfactory adjustment there.

It is the opinion of your Committee that with the data before us, the re-opening of this case would be to establish a bad precedent which in the end might result in great injury.

Therefore "with malice toward none and charity for all," we recommend that the case be left to rest where it is.

Respectfully submitted,

SEBASTIAN C. GOSS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Board of Trustees of Synod.

Rev. David Winters, D. D., *President*, Dayton, Ohio.
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. David Winters, D. D. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Rev. William A Hale.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Henry M. Herman.

Contract for Publishing "Hymnal."

The Trustees of Synod, as reported by the Standing Committee on Synodical minutes in item 6, during Thursday afternoon session, were instructed by Synod to complete a formal contract with the publisher of the "Hymnal." Thereupon the Trustees submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

THIS INSTRUMENT IS WITNESS:

That the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States of the first part, and Jeremiah H. Good of the second part have entered into the following agreement:

That the said second party will at his own risk and expense, publish, distribute and sell the "Reformed Church Hymnal."

Pay for the copyright and stereotype plates and all other expenses connected therewith.

The said first party is to allow said second party or assigns to so publish, distribute and sell said "Hymnal," under its authority for the period of ten years from the 31st day of December, A. D. 1878.

At the end of said period, the said first party is to have the option of taking the publication of said "Hymnal" into its own hands, by paying said second party for the stereotype plates one tenth (1-10) of their original cost.

Said second party further agrees that the price for said "Hymnal," shall not exceed twelve ($12) dollars per dozen for common size and style, and other sizes and styles to be proportionate in price.

In testimony whereof the said Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States has caused these presents to be executed and its corperate seal to be attached by its proper officers, and the said second party have hereunto set their hands this 29th day of July, 1880.

DAVID WINTERS, *President.*
GIDEON G. PRUGH, *Secretary.*
JEREMIAH H. GOOD.

SUBJECT OF INTEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, reported in item 2, that Lancaster, Tiffin and St. Joseph Classes call the earnest attention of Synod to the subject of Intemperance, and Tiffin Classis asks for a deliverance from Synod on the subject. This subject was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Williard, Daniel Lantz and Elder Samuel Worman. This committee, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to which the items on the subject of Intemperance were referred for a deliverance would report:

That while the position of this Synod has always been against this and every other sin, yet in view of the enormity of the evil here referred to, stripping as it does the unfortunate inebriate of his manhood and bringing shame, disgrace, and financial ruin upon those associated with him, would, nevertheless, call the special attention of the ministers and congregations

within the bounds of this Synod to this subject in the hope that all proper and legitimate means be judiciously and energetically employed for its suppression. To this end we would recommend that the ministers of this Synod preach on the subject, and that the consistories of our congregations exercise wholesome discipline in the case of all those who are guilty of the sin of intemperance, so that a sound, healthy public sentiment be produced.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD,
DANIEL LANTZ.
Committee.

CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN.

The Committee on Overtures, during the morning session of the third day of the sessions, reported in item 2, *c*, that a revised copy of the "Children's Catechism," prepared by Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., had been received with a letter of explanation by the author. The item was adopted, and the said Catechism was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, Peter C. Prugh and Elder Henry Dillier. This committee, during the afternoon session of the third day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred Dr. Jeremiah H. Good's "Children's Catechism," as revised by himself, in compliance with the request of the Synod last year, respectfully report the following :

That they have not fully examined the manuscript for the book placed in their hands, that having been done by a former Committee, which reported favorably on the "Children's Catechism" at the last meeting of the Synod. The objections made by said Committee, have in the judgment of your Committee, been met by Dr. Good in his revision of the work, and your Committee further recommend the publication of the same as a book suitable to be used in the religious education of our children.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. K[illegible]R, *Chairman.*

The Dismission of Derr.

The Committee on Overtures, during the morning session of the third day of the sessions, reported in item 4 that the Northern Illinois Classis, in a document received, asked Synod to sustain its action in refusing to grant Rev. Joshua H. Derr a certificate of dismission to the West Susquehanna Classis. The item was adopted, and the whole matter, together with the papers bearing on the case, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John I. Swander, Dr. Samuel B. Leiter, and Elder William H. Bahl. This committee, during the evening session of the fourth day of the sessions, presented their report, which was received, discussed, and adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the action of Northern Illinois Classis in refusing Rev. Joshua H. Derr his certificate of dismissal to the West Susquehanna Classis, would report that they have fully investigated the matter, in the light of all available facts in the case, and unanimously agree in the following conclusions:

1st. That the allegations of Northern Illinois Classis against Rev. Joshua H. Derr are not sustained by the facts in the case.

2nd. That the Northern Illinois Classis, while it gives sufficient evidence of having acted in good faith and without malice, is nevertheless in error in refusing the Rev. Joshua H. Derr his certificate of dismissal.

3d. That the delay of constitutional action on the part of the Northern Illinois Classis in the case has had the effect of inflicting upon Rev. Joshua H. Derr a serious wrong.

In view of the foregoing facts and findings, we offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the Northern Illinois Classis be instructed to grant Rev. Joshua H. Derr, without unnecessary delay, his regular and honorable dismissal to the West Susquehanna Classis.

Resolved, That the corresponding secretary of the Synod be

instructed to furnish a copy of the preceding action to the president of the Northern Illinois Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN I. SWANDER,
SAMUEL B. LEITER,
WILLIAM H. BAHL,
Committee.

RESPECTING DISMISSION OF IOWA CLASSIS.

Iowa Classis, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes in item 3, during the Friday afternoon session, requested Synod to dismiss it for the purpose of uniting with other classes in the formation of a new synod, and to adopt measures to carry the enabling act into full effect. In regard to this request, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod renews its action taken five years since, and that when a constitutional number of classes shall unite with Iowa Classis in the request for the formation of a new synod, then the request shall be granted, and not before. (See Minutes of Synod, 1875, page 47, and 1876, paga 75.)

HANSEN CASE.

Iowa Classis, as reported in item 4 by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the Friday afternoon session, requested Synod to erase from its minutes all that pertains to matters between Rev. William Hansen and the Classis, for the reasons assigned. Respecting this request the following action was adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That the Synod does not deem it expedient to accede to the request of expunging the action, as Synod regards it the only constitutional course in the case.

ABSENTEEISM DISAPPROVED.

On motion, the following action was adopted by Synod:

WHEREAS, The Ohio Synod has resolved to meet in general convention in 1881; and,

WHEREAS, It is the duty of every minister and of every delegated elder to attend all ecclesiastical meetings of the Church, and especially those of the classes and the Synod, as far as possible, and unless providentially prevented; and,

WHEREAS, There is a disposition on the part of ministers and elders to leave the sessions of Synod before its close, and in this way seriously interfere with the business of Synod; therefore,

Resolved, That the different classes be directed to call the special attention of their ministers and elders to the necessity of being in attendance upon the meetings of Synod as far as practicable.

Resolved, That this Synod emphatically disapproves and discourages the general withdrawal of its members toward the close of the sessions, and that in the opinion of this Synod every member should remain until the final adjournment, unless called home on account of sickness or death.

Resolved, That the Committee on Leave of Absence is hereby instructed not to grant in the future leave of absence for any excuse except for the above named.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The following reports were received, considered, and adopted by Synod:

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATON.

The Board of Publication organized by the election of Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., as president, and Rev. H. M. Herman, secretary. Afterward Dr. Reiter resigned as president, and S. B. Yockey was elected to the position.

The CHRISTIAN WORLD passed into the hands of a receiver, James C. Reber, a member of the First Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, November 12, 1879. November 25, 1879, Messrs. Geo. N. Whipp and Geo. W. Shearer purchased the same. On

the same day Dr. S. Mease offered his resignation to the Board, which was accepted, and to take effect four months after that date—viz: on the first of April, 1880.

March 15, 1880, Dr. I. H. Reiter, having purchased the interest of Geo. N. Whipp in the CHRISTIAN WORLD, was unanimously elected editor by the Board until the meeting of this Synod, and he assumed the editorial management of the paper April 1st.

Thus it will be seen that the CHRISTIAN WORLD has passed through a year of more than ordinaay trial. The Board, together with those who are more immediately connected with its publication, have labored diligently and earnestly to maintain its good standing before all the people, for all felt that if the Church lost confidence in the ability of the Board to sustain the paper, our loss must be so great as to materially cripple the usefulness of the paper. It is hardly necessary for us to say that the paper is published with the utmost economy, and all patrons are assured that the strictest attention will be given to all matters of business, and prompt credits entered on the reception of all remittances.

The following action is suggested for the adoption of Synod:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication respectfully requests Synod to define the Board's relation to the CHRISTIAN WORLD.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication suggests the propriety of Synod requesting the publishers of the CHRISTIAN WORLD to have the paper published by one of the publishing houses of our Church, or that the Synod procure a publishing house of its own.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication entertains the most implicit confidence in the proprietors and editor of the CHRISTIAN WORLD, and commend them to the most cordial and liberal support of the Church.

Resolved, That the Board recommends that the Synod endorse its action by electing the present editor, *ad interim,* to the position permanently.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *President.*

II. Report of Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication submitted their report, which was received, and as amended, together with the report of the Board, adopted, and is as follows:

Your Standing Committee on Publication would respectfully report that they have carefully examined the documents coming into their hands, viz: the report of the Board of Publication, and an overture from certain members of Tuscarawas Classis respecting the Wadsworth Printing House, and would submit the following items for the consideration of Synod:

1. The Board asks Synod to define the relation it sustains to the Christian World.

2. The Board asks Synod to confirm its action in regard to the election of Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., as editor of the Christian World, and recommends his election to the position permanently by this Synod.

3. The Committee recommends that Synod consider the proposition respecting the Wadsworth Printing House.

4. That the report of the Board of Publication, together with this report, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
ISAAC A. SITES, *Chairman.*

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod cordially commends the Christian World to all the families within its bounds, and requests that earnest efforts be made on the part of pastors and members to promote the prosperity of the paper by aiding in the collection of out-standing dues, and in the increase of the subscription list.

III. Election of the Board of Publication.

Members whose term expires October, 1881.

Rev. Henry M. Herman. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Peter C. Prugh. Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Michael Loucks. Mr. Geo. F. Wentz.

On motion, in connection with the adoption of the first item in the report of the Committee on Publication, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the subject matter of the request, having reference to the relation the Board of Publication sustains to the CHRISTIAN WORLD, be referred to a committee to report to next Synod.

The Committee consists of Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., and Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.

IV. ELECTION OF EDITOR OF CHRISTIAN WORLD.

On the adoption of the second item in the report of the Committee on Publication, during the morning session on Saturday, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Synod now proceed to the election of a permanent editor of the CHRISTIAN WORLD.

Thereupon the election was regularly held. Revs. Austin Henry and Isaac A. Sites were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots. The result announced was that Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., was unanimously elected as the permanent editor of the CHRISTIAN WORLD.

In this immediate connection the following was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that the editor [and publisher] of the CHRISTIAN WORLD, elected at this Synod (as those heretofore elected to said position have always been), is regarded as the only party liable for the financial obligations involved in the publication of the CHRISTIAN WORLD, the Synod always pledging its moral support and patronage to the same as a reward for his labors as such editor.

V. Wadsworth Steam Printing House.

The Committee on Overtures, during the morning session of the third day of the sessions, reported in item 3 that in a communication received from certain members of the Tuscarawas Classis, presented the claims of the "Wadsworth Steam Printing House" for the consideration of Synod. The item was adopted, and the subject involved was referred to the Committee on Publication. This Committee recommended that Synod consider the proposition, and after some discussion the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the whole subject of purchasing the "Wadsworth Steam Printing House" be referred to a special committee of six members, three of whom shall be selected from the Board of Publication. The committee shall negotiate with Mr. Jacob Detweiler concerning the purchase of said printing house, and if, at the end of three months from date (October 23, 1880), the negotiation shall prove successful, the committee shall call a special meeting of the Synod and submit a report for its consideration and action; but in case the committee, after such negotiation, can not see their way clear to recommend the purchase of said property, they shall then publish a card to that effect in the Christian World.

The committee consists of Revs. Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, Theodore J. Bacher, Hon. Thomas W. Chapman, Dr. Isaac H. Reiter, Henry M. Herman, and Mr. George F. Wentz.

VI. Publication of Minutes of Synod.

The Stated Clerk, respecting the publication of the minutes of last year, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

According to the instructions of Synod, I had 1,200 copies of the minutes of the sessions of 1879 printed in the usual pamphlet form, containing 96 pages, and regularly distributed them.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1,200 copies of this Synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following reports received the attention of Synod:

I. Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

J. H. Good, *Treasurer, in account with the Ohio Synod. To amounts received from September* 15, 1879, *to September* 15, 1880, *as follows:*

DR.

Miami Classis, bill of 1879 in full	$144 60
Lancaster Classis, bill of 1879 in full	89 60
Tuscarawas Classis, bill of 1879 in full	115 60
Tiffin Classis, bill of 1879 in full	75 20
St. John's Classis, bill of 1878 in full	18 80
Eastern Ohio Classis, bill of 1879 in full	79 60
Iowa Classis, bill of 1879 in full	23 35
Northern Illinois Classis, bill of 1879 in part	12 60
Shelby Classis, bill of 1879 in full	14 20
Kansas Classis, bill of 1879 in full	9 80
St. John's Classis, bill of 1879 in full	43 40
Cincinnati Classis, Minutes of Synod of 1879	4 60
	631 35
To balance from former year	186 74
	$817 74

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To printing tickets at Goshen for use of Synod	$ 2 50
Sexton at Goshen for services rendered	10 00
Rev. C. Cort, one-third traveling expenses	4 70
Rev. S. P. Myers, traveling expenses	6 50
Delegates of Northern Illinois Classis	3 25
Dr. Reiter, Salary as Stated Clerk for 1879–80	75 00
" Bill of Expenses for Stated Clerk, 1879	40 00
" Printing Minutes of Synod 1879	141 75
Postage and Stationary for Treasurer	12 25
Rev. H. M. Herman, Expense of Circular Board of Publication	5 00
Church Extension Debt due Elder Geo. Gelbach, and paid to W. H. Seibert for Missions	175 00
Amount carried forward	$475 95

Amount carried forward	$475 95
Expressage	2 00
	$477 95
Balance on hand at close of Synodical year	339 79
	$817 74

Indebtedness to Synod.

Northern Illinois Classis, Balance of 1879	$ 6 00

Respectfully submitted,

JEREMIAH H. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with the Treasurer's report, adopted:

Your Committee on Finance would submit the following report:

The report of the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod, which was placed in our hands, has been examined and found correct.

We are gratified to find a balance in the treasury of $339.79. Only one classis (Northern Illinois) is in debt to the Synod.

In view of the fact that a heavy assessment will doubtless be made upon this Synod by the next General Synod, and at the suggestion of the Treasurer, we would recommend that an apportionment of $410.00 be made for the current expenses of the coming year, to be apportioned among the different Classes as follows:

Miami Classis	$ 90 00	Shelby Classis	$ 8 00
Lancaster Classis	45 00	Iowa Classis	16 00
Tuscarawas Classis	50 00	St. Joseph Classis	30 00
Tiffin Classis	40 00	Kansas Classis	4 00
Eastern Ohio Classis	42 00	Cincinnati Classis	75 00
Northern Illinois Classis	10 00	Total	$410 00

Cincinnati Classis is assessed comparatively and seemingly heavy, but it was entirely omitted last year.

We would also recommend the apportionment of the $200.00

of Church Erection debt, in addition to the amount apportioned last year, to the different classes as follows:

Miami Classis	$ 30 00	Eastern Ohio Classis	$ 18 00
Lancaster Classis	22 00	St. Joseph Classis	15 00
Tuscarawas Classis	25 00	Cincinnati Classis	70 00
Tiffin Classis	20 00	Total	$200 00

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS CASSELMAN, *Chairman.*

III. Payment of Bills by Treasurer.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay, as per order, the following bills. which were allowed by the Synod, namely:

1. Mr. George Roninger, sexton of Grace Reformed Church at Columbiana, $10.00 for his services rendered during the sessions of Synod.

2. Rev. Daniel Lantz $7.50, and Rev. Isaac A. Sites $7.50, both of Northern Illinois Classis, Rev. Henry Keller $5.75, of Iowa Classis, and Rev. Daniel J. Greenwald $18.00, of Kansas Classis, being one-third of their traveling expenses in attending Synod.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the morning session of the third day of the sessions, presented their report through the chairman, Rev. Peter C. Prugh. The report was received and adopted, and the committe was instructed to have 100 copies of the nominations printed for the use of the Synod.

The election of the several Boards was made the order of the day for Saturday morning, immediately after the opening of Synod. At the appointed time the election was held. Revs. Jonathan C. Beade and Michael Loucks were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots, and, subsequently, reported the result to the Synod.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasures.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
George H. Leonard	Basil	2	410	97	17	5	16	13	395	5		8	8	2	310		$180	$690	10	Basil, O.
John Vogt, D. D.	Zion	1	246	126	10	1	16	8	213	2	1	6	4	1	331		101	949	10	Delaware, O.
Francis C. Yost	Thornville	4	362	131	13	5	17	6	345	3		1	2	4		2	180	1150	16	Thornville, O.
Silas P. Mauger	Winchester	4	280	100	10	8	14	11	260	6		5	6	4	275		130	600	15	Canal Winchester, O
Austin Henry	Kinnickinnick	3	152	83	13	4	13		141			3	5	2			44	880	8	Kinnickinnick, O.
Joseph W. Barber	Stoutsville 1)	3	240	125	9	1	3		118				1	3	200		54		3	Stoutsville, O.
	Ch. of the Cross 2)	1	38	25										1	49					Somerset, O.
	Jerusalem 2)	3	109	59	4	4	11	11	102	1		1	1	3	140		33	450	5	Bremen, O.
Henry H. Sandoe	Union	4	280	146	15	7	21	1	263	3		3	4	4	222		100	1069	16	Baltimore, O.
John M. Kendig	Lancaster	2	322	55	6	4	7	1	143	10		21	5	2	170		33	600	30	Lancaster, O.
James Heffley (sup.)	North Union	1	23	14	1		1		21	1				1			12			Canal Winchester, O
Henry King	Without Charge																			Baltimore, O.
Peter D. Schory	" "																			Lancaster, O.
Jacob Klingler	" "																			Upper Sandusky, O.
Total, 12		28	2462	961	98	39	119	51	2001	31	1	48	36	27	1697	2	$867	$6388	113	

1. This charge was served to October 1, 1880, by Rev. Jacob Klingler, and the statistics reported are the results of his labors.
2 The Jerusalem charge, served till the fall of 1880 by Rev. Joseph W. Barber, and the statistics reported are the results of his labors, is served since November, 1880, together with the Church of the Cross, by Rev. John R. Skinner, who, however, has not yet been formally received into connection with Classis.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasures.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Min'stry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Sebastian C. Goss	Wadsworth	4	342	149	8	12	12	14	330	22		18	9	4	361		$126	$1110	24	Wadsworth, Ohio.
Silas B. Mase	Tuscarawas	4	250	100	18	3	20	3	230	4			7	3	200	2	90	735	20	Massillon, "
Sam'l B Leiter, D. D.	Union	3	229	155	17		1	3	200	15			3	3	250			700	20	Wadsworth, "
Emil P. Herbruck	Grace Reformed	1	229	67	12	7	19	26	193			5	1	1	200		98	800	10	Akron, "
John H. Beck	Uniontown	4	220		15	2	13	4	184	2	2		9	3	185		118	612	13	Lake, "
Vacant.	Manchester	4	205	115					184	4			2	3	274		64	2905	13	Lake, "
Edward Herbruck	Trinity	1	215		16	2	14	6	150	3			4	1	195		63	862	5	Canton, "
Orange E. Lake.	Shelby	3	170	75					160				2	3	280		29	400	13	Shelby, "
Edward D. Wettach,	Reedsburg	3	135	75	4	2	3	2	121	1			1	3	200		78	1800	10	Reedsburg, "
John S. Stoner.	Navarre	4	187	48	14	4	29	3	155	2		4	4	3			53	2230	6	Navarre, "
Lewis M. Kerschner	West Salem	4	157	80	3	4	14	28	149	1		3	1	3	200		84	1300	16	West Salem, "
James H. Steele	Mohican	3	156	104	3	3	11		128			7		3	200		74	625	10	Mohican, "
Theodore J. Bacher.	Wooster	1	148	65	12	2	20	8	125	5			12	1	115		20	1742	10	Wooster, "
Charles M. Schaaf.	Bristol	1	81	50	3	3	4	1	81	10			1	1	90		64	725	5	Bristol, "
Jacob V. Lerch*																				Canal Fulton, "
Vacant.	Sharon	1	29																	Sharon, "
Vacant.	Canaan	3	93																	Canaan, "
Total, 14.		44	2828	1083	125	44	160	98	2478	69	2	37	56	35	2750	2	$961	$16542	175	

* Jacob V. Lerch is doing mission work within the bounds of Classis. Rev. Hiram Shaull, without charge, dismissed to mi Classis, Sidney, Ohio.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasures.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Minis'ry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Jer. H. Good, D. D.	Berwick	3	148	105	16	3	14	1	143	4			4	1	70		$90		10	Tiffin, O.
Herman Rust, D. D.	Prof. in Theo. Sem																			
Geo. W. Willard, D. D.	Pres't Heid. Col'g.																			
Prof. Reuben Good.	Prof. in " "																			
Lewis H Kefauver, D D	1st Tiffin	1	232	125	6		11	14	214	7			4	1	231		153	$1123	12	Tiffin, O.
Jesse Richards.	Fremont	2	180	60	8	7	21	2	150	3		8	5	2	180		43	3000	10	Fremont, O.
Amos Casselman.	Fostoria	2	104	50	5	1	8	23	89	1		4	4	2	129		27	1449	9	Fostoria, O.
Samuel Shaw	Bloomville	2	130	60	10	4	6	33	121			10	5	2	250		45	647	10	Bloomville, O.
Allen K. Zartman	Helena	3	156	68	2	1	6	1	148	8		10	2	3	165		52	1750	10	Helena, O.
Nathaniel H. Loose	Bellevue	1	175	130	8			4	160	1			3	1	140		35	800	15	Bellevue, O.
Alpheus E. Baichly	Liberty Centre	3	183	75	11	17	24	21	155	2	1	6	2	3	235		50	700	10	Liberty Centre, O.
Joseph H. Hunsberger	Heidelberg	3	106						100	2			1	2	130			1150	10	Findlay, O.
John J. M. Gruber.	Ada	2	120	130	11	1		4	109					2	310		31	400	10	Ada, O.
Augustus Konetzka	Van Buren	1	27				1		35					2					1	Hammansburg, O.
Peter Tendick	Invalid																			Tiffin, O.
David J. Meese																				Sandusky City, O.
John I. Swander																				Tiffin, O.
Jacob Ihle	Zion's	2	242	90	1				215			10	2	2	150	1	37		8	Bellevue, O.
Isaiah S. Hahn		2	87	18	2		7													Nimisila, O.
William Smith	Fort Seneca	2	115	40	2	3	4	7	99				1	2	120		37	300	10	Fort Seneca, O.
Prof. C. O. Knepper	Licentiate																			Tiffin, O.
Louis B. C. Lahr	Licentiate																			Tiffin, O.
Total. 20.		29	2005	951	82	37	102	110	1728	28	1	48	35	23	2110	1	$600	$11419	125	

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasures.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Henry Hilbish 1)	Mt. Olivet	2	279	160	18	1	10		210	6			2	2	235		$ 54	$ 925	20	Hanover, Pa.
John J. Leberman	Louisville	3	466	130	20	13	37	4	395	13		10	11	3	410	2	235	1650	30	Louisville, O.
James T. Hale 2)	New Lisben 3)	2	206	77	1	4	5		178				1	2	269		100	800	18	Fairfield, O.
Michael A. Miller	Carrollton 4)	2	241	76	4	11	22	3	180				1	1	125	1	400	922	10	Carrollton, O.
Henry T. Spangler	Columbiana 5)	1	193	100	6	1	5	3	130	1		2	4	1	230		65	830	15	Landisburg, Pa.
Edward H. Otting	Warren	4	171	131	9	1	13	5	155				4	3	200		30	500	10	Warren, O.
John Meckley	Springfield	2	234	192	13	2	11	4	180	1			4	2	56		53	447	10	Petersburgh, O.
Fred'ck F. Christine	New Jefferson	1	122	30	5	3	6	6	90	2			1	1	75		96	475	10	Waterloo, Ind.
Jacob B. Zumpe	Canfield	1	190	100	8	1		2	150				6	1	120		25		1	Youngstown, O.
Vacant	Moultrie	1	35			1			35				2	1	65				4	
Vacant	Youngstown	2	135						93					1	100				2	
Milton H. Groh																				New Lisbon, O.
John H. Bomberger																				Carrollton, O.
William A. Miller																				Columbiana, O.
Total, 11.		21	2272	996	84	38	109	27	1796	23		12	36	18	1885	3	$1058	$6549	130	

1. Dismissed to and received by Zion Classis, Potomac Synod.
2. Dismissed to Miami Classis.
3. Served as pastor by Rev. Milton H. Groh.
4. Rev. Wm. A. Miller assistant to the pastor of Carrollton charge.
5. Served as pastor by Rev. J. Huston Bomberger.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erasures.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars	Stud'ts for Min'ty	Contributions. Benev'lent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Lantz	Forreston.	2	126	65					122				1	1	50	1	$130	$600	5	Forreston, Ogle County, Illinois.
Frank Wetzel.	Dakota.	3	65	39	2				60					*2	100		50	525	4	Dakota, Stphenson " "
Frederick W. Stump.	Orangeville.	4	120	101	12	1		6	103	8		3		*4	355		97	540	5	Orangeville, " " "
Joseph Sechler.	Damascus.	1	36	20	1		1		36				1				18	80	3	Lena, " " "
Isaac A. Sites.	Freeport Mission.	1	7	4			1		7								41	119	2	Freeport, " " "
Ottmar Esselborn.	Loran. 1)	1	77	58					65					1	75				2	Loran, " " "
	‡ Freeport. 1)	1	82	14	7		5	5	70	12		2	2	1	60	1				Freeport, " " "
Vacant.	Spring Bay. 1)	1	75	35					75										1	Spring Bay, "
Vacant.	Washburn. 1)	1	50	40					50											Washburn, "
Joshua H. Derr.	Without Charge.																			Williamsport, Pennsylvania.
William G. Hackman.	Without Charge.																			Burr Oak, Michigan.
Oliver C. Weller.	Licentiate.																			Chicago, Illinois.
John Kercher. 2)																				La Rose, "
Total, 9.		15	638	376	22	1	7	11	588	20		5	4	9	640	2	$336	$1864	22	

SHELBY CLASSIS.

Jeriah S. Shade.	Astoria.	3	88	75	9		3		76				3	2	50		$24		5	Summum, Fulton Co., Illinois.
Simon P. Myers.	Anna *	4	196	118	14		12		175			4	6	5	225			$700	5	Anna, "
Daniel K. Fulcason.	Invalid.																			Blue Mound, "
Joseph F. Butler.	Shelby.	2	64		15		1		50					1	40	1			3	Shelbyville, "
Robert F. Oplinger.	Mt. Zion.	2	90	65	5		5	6	80	4			1	2	150		15		5	Grove City, "
Total, 5.		11	438	258	43		21	6	381	4		4	10	10	465	1	$39	$700	18	

1) Last year's report. 2) Superannuated. ‡ Supplied by Rev. J. Wernly of Milwaukee Classis. * Union Schools.

IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasures.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Fred'k C. Bauman	Harmony	1	100	95	15				95	10			2	1	112		$140	$ 290	2	Zwingli, Iowa.
[illegible]	Columbia Junct	2	93	105	2	1	6	2	83	5		5		2	120		43	620	4	Columbus City, Iowa.
[illegible]	Tipton	4	151	78	8	4	9	9	148	8		2	1	3	180		127	941	4	Lisbon, Iowa.
[illegible]	Pleasant Valley	1	63	70	11		4	4	48				2	1	30		32	600	3	Imogene, Iowa.
[illegible]	[illegible]	3	114	90	6				100	6			2	2	100		50	400	1	Coneville, Iowa.
[illegible]	Maquoketa	3	86	33	1	1	3	3	54			5	1	1	55		44	405	2	Maquoketa, Iowa.
[illegible]	[illegible]	3	104	90	6		2		85	1			2	3	90		30	1200	2	Anamosa, Iowa.
[illegible]	Wilton	1	44	61	9		1	2	30	11			2	1	31		65	300	3	Wilton Junction, Iowa.
[illegible]	Brandon	1	39	10	1			2	21				3	1	22		27	129	2	Brandon, Iowa.
[illegible]	[illegible]	1	40	35	28		3	2	40	5			1	1	25		57	250	2	Monticello, Iowa.
[illegible]	Millersburg	3	103	55	16	1	5	13	103				5	2	70		50	300	2	Millersburg, Iowa.
[illegible]	Palermo	1	18	10	2				18					1	30		5	75	1	Lyons, Iowa.
[illegible] *	Leighton *	1	12	5	1		1	11	12								7	1000		Storm Lake, Iowa.
[illegible] *																				Vinton, Iowa.
[illegible] ‡																				New Lisbon, Ohio.
[illegible]		25	947	737	101	7	34	48	837	46		12	21	19	865		$877	$7510	28	

* Supplied by Rev. C. Clark. † Without Charge. ‡ Suspended.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasures.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud't's for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	Post-office Address.
Andrew Butt.	Montpelier.	1	*16	9				2				2						$40		Montpelier, Ohio.
Lewis Grosenbaugh.	Three Rivers.	1	133	65	9	1	8	11	120	2		23	3	1	100		$27	550	6	Three Rivers, Mich.
" " " (sup)	Moore Park.	1	44	19	2				44			7	1		8		10	2900	4	" " "
Jerome B. Henry.	Marshall.	4	223	74	5	15	26	13	188	22			3	4	199	1	81	668	6	Plymouth, Ind.
Scott F. Hershey.	Clay Pool, (Denver)	3	134	48	18	17	34	5	117				2	1	75	1	35	450	4	Denver, Ind.
Anson L. Hassler.	Bunker Hill.	4	154	41		4	5	4	94	1				3	212		26	516	6	Pulaski, Ohio.
Jacob Ihle 3	St. Paul.	2	128		3	3	22	2	114		1	9	7	2	155		21		5	Burr Oak, Mich.
Reuben Keller.	Neriah.	2	60	37	5		9	11	41	6			2	2	130		25	200	6	Erie, Mich.
Jonas Michael.	Winamac.	5	246	74	13	54	92	33	191	5		23	2	4	235		60	463	10	Winamac, Ind.
David H. Reiter.	Wakeshma.	2	118	25	2	1	1	1	100					2	95		27	900	8	Fulton, Mich.
Elias Spangler.	Farmer.	1	14							2			1	1	40					Edgerton, Ohio.
Edwin R. Williard.	White Pigeon.	2	120	40	3	4	5	8	113				4	2	150		21	1491	3	White Pigeon, Mich.
William H. Ziegler	Zion.	2	140	75	2	2	6	8	132	2	2	1	2	2	140		45	775	3	Goshen, Ind.
Vacant	Bluffton. ¶	2	97		4					6				1				700	2	Bluffton, Ind.
"	Rochester.	2	*54	40		6	11	2	20		1			1	89		22	320		Rochester, Ind.
"	Union. ¶	3	135*	80	4		10	2	120				1	2	100		17	400	2	Waterloo, Ind.
Henry Bair 1	Without charge.																			Storm Lake, Iowa.
Daniel Kroh	" "																			Erie, Mich.
H. Leutzinger	" "																			Sturgis, Mich.
Solomon Ream 2	" "																			Arcanum, Ohio.
Total, 16.		37	1816	627	69	107	229	102	1394	46	4	65	28	28	1678	2	$417	$10373	65	

* Last year's report. 1 Dismissed to Iowa Classis at annual meeting of Classis in May, 1880. 2 Dismissed to Miami Classis at annual meeting of Classis in May, 1880. ¶ Recently taken charge of by Rev. Frank C. Witthoff, Bluffton, Ind. ¶ Recently taken charge of by Rev. F. F. Christine, Waterloo, Ind. 3 Dismissed to Tiffin Classis at special meeting of Classis July 21st, 1880.

CINCINNATI CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasures.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
John Heckman	Ev. Ref. Salem's	1	750	425	88		64	16	710	1			43	1	450	1	$375	$7000	2	501 Sycamore St., Cin., O.
John Bachman	First Ref. Church	1	440	290	31		24	9	400			17	12	2	280		192	1500	3	64 Fifteenth St., Cin., O.
G. J. Reiche	Rising Sun	3	150	200	30		15		150	4			9	1	100		20	1000	1	Rising Sun, Ind.
Aug's'ts Toensmeier	Ironton	1	160	90	11		10		140				3	1	120	1	60	800	1	Ironton, O.
Wm. F. Hortsmeier	Ev. Ref. Church	2	198	75	13		28	10	150				6	2	100		40	730	3	Millville, O.
Oswald J. Accola	2d Ref. Church	1	190	100	6		15	5	150	1		4		1	150		125	1045	2	Dayton, O.
Anthony Seyring	Hope Church	1	87	74	7		16		86				4	1	80			1100	2	Columbia, O.
Joseph L. Schatz	Beaver Charge	6	269	212	19		16	3	200				4	1	160		3	350	7	Beaver, O.
J. G. Kuhl	Germ. Ref. Ch.	1	209	109	18		14	6	112				5	1	135		20	950	2	Covington, Ky.
John H. Krueger	Arnheim Charge	2																		Arnheim, O.
Vacant	Zion's Charge	1	31		3					1		1	1	1	80		8	300		Piqua, O.
Nathaniel Ruetenik	Without Charge																			Arnheim, O.
Henry Hanhart	" "																			117 Clinton St., Cin., O.
John C. Henneman	" "																			Beaver, O.
Total, 13.		20	2484	1575	226		202	49	2098	7		22	87	12	1655	2	$843	$14775	23	

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Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in General Convention in the Reformed Church at Miamisburg, Montgomery County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the nineteenth day of October, at seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and closed its sessions on the following Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, according to appointment, convened in general convention in the Reformed Church in Miamisburg, Ohio, October 19, A. D., 1881, the president, Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, being in the chair, and who, after singing and reading of scripture, constituted the synod with prayer; then the synod proceeded to effect a permanent organization by the enrollment of its members and the election of its officers.

The synodical sermon was preached by the retiring president, Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, on Thursday evening, from Isaiah 55: 10, 11: "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Miami.	David Winters, D. D.	George W. Anderson.
	Samuel B. Yockey.	Andrew H. Baughman.
	James T. Hale.	Joseph Copp.
	Daniel R. Taylor.	Jacob Myers.
	G. Wm. H. Smith.	Joseph Anderson.
	George Z. Mechling.	
	William A. Hale.	
	Milton F. Frank.	
	Richard. B. Reichard.	Michael Beck.
	Adam Hawker.	
	Peter C. Prugh.	Joseph F. Kemp.
	Levi Rike.	Lewis Mease.
	Henry I. Comfort.	
	Solomon Ream.	
	Michael Loucks.	David L. Neibel
	Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	
	Samuel Mease, D. D.	
	Jesse Steiner.	
	John Pence.	
	Benjamin F. Tucker.	James Swander.
Lancaster.	Silas P. Mauger.	
	Austin Henry.	
Tuscarawas.	Silas B. Mase.	
	John H. Beck.	
	Orange E. Lake.	Wesley Fickes.
	John M. Kendig.	Benjamin F. Rohrer.
	Edward Herbruck.	
Tiffin.	Herman Rust, D. D.	
	Geo. W. Williard, D. D.	
	Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Lewis Keller.
	Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D.	
	Reuben Good.	
	Amos Casselman.	

	Alpheus E. Baichly.	
	John I. Swander.	
	Jacob Ihle.	Elias Smith.
E. Ohio.	John J. Leberman.	Samuel S. Dewalt.
N. Illinois.	Daniel Lantz.	
	Frank Wetzel.	
Shelby.	Simon P. Myers.	
Iowa.	No members present.	
St. Joseph.	Jerome B. Henry.	
	Anson L. Hassler.	John W. Wasnich.
	John D. Neff.	
	Reuben Keller.	
	Frank C. Witthoff.	
	Frederick F. Christine.	
Cincinnati.	Anthony Seyring.	
Kansas.	Joseph G. Shoemaker.	

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From Heidelbery Classis.—Rev. Edward D. Miller.

From Miama Classis.—Elders William Neibel, John Zitzer, Wilson Myers.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Christian Albrecht, Evangelical Lutheran Church.
" William A. Bowman, Evangelical Lutheran Church.
" F. M. Clemans, Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Michael Loucks, *President*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Austin Henry, *Cor. Secretary*, Hallsville, Ohio.
Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Synod's Rules of Order were observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined to include the first seven pews from the front.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of the Synod:

The Morning Sessions to open at half-past eight o'clock, and the first half hour to be spent in devotional services, and close at half-past eleven o'clock.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at two and close at five o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the president:

Religious Services—Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Richard B. Reichard and Elder Lewis Mease.

Synodical Minutes—Revs. Simon P. Myers, Alpheus E. Baichly, Milton F. Frank, John H. Beck and Elder George W. Anderson.

Minutes of Classes—Revs. John M. Kendig, James T. Hale, Herman Rust, D. D., Austin Henry and Elder Benjamin F. Rohrer.

Overtures—Revs. Richard B. Reichard, Silas P. Mauger, Samuel B. Yockey, Frank Wetzel and Elder Andrew H. Baughman.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination—Revs. George W. Williard, D. D., Daniel Lantz, William A. Hale, John J. Leberman and Elder Lewis Keller.

State of Religion—Revs. Samuel B. Yockey, Silas P. Mauger, Amos Casselman, Geo. Z. Mechling and Elder Joseph Copp.

Missions—Revs. William A. Hale, Orange E. Lake, Frank Wetzel, Fred. F. Christine and Elder Wesley Fickes.

Theological Seminary—Revs. John J. Leberman, Jesse Steiner, John M. Kendig, Jerome B. Henry and Elder Samuel S. Dewalt.

Heidelberg College—Revs. Jerome B. Henry, John Pence, Daniel R. Taylor, Amos Casselman and Jacob Myers.

Sunday-schools and Catechisation—Revs. Austin Henry, Herman Rust, D. D., G. Wm. H. Smith, David Winters, D. D., and Elder Joseph Anderson.

Publication—Revs. Herman Rust, D. D., Fred. F. Christine, George Z. Mechling, Frank Wetzel and Elder Lewis Keller.

Finance—Revs. Daniel Lantz, Peter C. Prugh, Jesse Steiner, Alpheus E. Baichly and Elder Andrew H. Baughman.

Nominations—Revs. Reuben Keller, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Orange E. Lake, Milton F. Frank; Elder Benjamin F. Rohrer.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, Shelby, Iowa, St. Joseph, Cincinnati and Kansas, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the committee on those subjects.

2. The reports of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and of the Board of Education, together with the reports of their respective Treasurers, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary.

3. The report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College was received and referred to the Committee on Heidelberg College, but, when put on its final adoption, it was recommitted to the Board with instructions. The report of the Financial Agent was also received and referred to the same committee.

4. The reports of the Board of Home Missions, and of its Treasurer, together with that of the General Missionary Superintendent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

5. The reports of the Board of Church-Erection, and of its Treasurer, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

6. The report of the Board of Sunday-schools was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

7. The report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

8. The report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

9. Various other communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report exhibits the facts.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services:

1. The sessions throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Religious Services would submit the following report:

Reformed Church.—Thursday evening: synodical sermon, Rev. S. B. Yockey. Friday evening: sermon, Rev. J. T. Hale. Saturday afternoon: preparatory services, sermon, Rev. D. Lantz; liturgical services, Rev. O. E. Lake. Saturday evening: missionary festival, under the direction of the Committee on Missions; addresses by Revs. J. J. Leberman, H. Rust, D. D., and J. G. Shoemaker. Sunday morning: communion sermon, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, assisted by Revs. L. H. Refauver, D. D., H. Rust, D. D., J. M. Kendig and I. H. Reiter, D. D. Sunday afternoon: special Sunday-school services, conducted by Rev. S. B.

Yockey, and addresses by Revs. A. Casselman, A. Henry, J. M. Kendig, R. Keller and J. Pence. Sunday evening: sermon, Rev. J. I. Swander.

Evangelical Lutheran Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. A. Casselman.

M. E. Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. S. P. Myers. Sunday evening: Rev. J. B. Henry.

U. B. Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. G. W. H. Smith. Sunday evening: Rev. F. Wetzel.

David's Reformed Church.—Sunday afternoon: Rev. S. P. Mauger.

Reformed Church, Fairfield.—Sunday: Rev. A. E. Baichly.

First Reformed Church, Dayton.—Sunday morning: Rev. A. L. Hassler. Sunday evening, Rev. S. B. Mase.

Reformed Church, Springboro.—Sunday morning and evening: Rev. J. J. Leberman.

Reformed Church, Germantown.—Sunday evening: Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D.

Reformed Church, Farmersville.—Sunday: Rev. George W. Williard, D. D.

Mt. Carmel Reformed Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. Daniel R. Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Three copies of the Minutes of the last Ohio Synod and two copies of the Minutes of the last General Synod were received through the Stated Clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes. This committee presented the following report, which was received and considered item by item, and subsequently adopted as a whole:

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes would report the following:

Item 24. Tiffin Classis dismissed Licentiate Madison C. Peters to Indiana Classis, Licentiate Albert Gonser to Tuscarawas Classis, Licentiate Allen R. Holshouser to Kansas Classis, Rev. Isaiah S. Hahn to Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. David J. Meese to the Huron Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church.

Item 25. Eastern Ohio Classis received Licentiate J. Huston Bomberger from Philadelphia Classis, referred him to Synod for ordination, and ordained him; Rev. C. M. Schaaf from Tuscarawas Classis, Rev. J. Herold from St. John Classis, and Rev. Wm. M. Andrews from Miami Classis; dismissed Rev. H. T. Spangler to Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod.

Item 26. Northern Illinois Classis dismissed Licentiate O. C. Weller to Council Bluffs Presbytery, Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. G. Hackman to St. Joseph Classis, and Rev. I. A. Sites to Iowa Classis.

Item 27. Iowa Classis received Licentiate F. W. Brown from West Susquehanna Classis, and ordained him; received Rev. I. A. Sites from Northern Illinois Classis; dismissed Rev. C. Cort to Mercersburg Classis, and has stricken the name of Geo. H. Albright from the roll.

Item 28. St. Joseph Classis dismissed Rev. J. R. Skinner to Lancaster Classis, Rev. W. H. Ziegler to the Presbyterian Church, and the St. Paul's congregation to Zion's Classis.

Item 29. Kansas Classis received Rev. H. Shumaker from Miami Classis, and Licentiate A. R. Holshouser from Tiffin Classis, and ordained him, and also ordained J. W. Rauch.

VI. Annual Meetings of Classes.

Item 30. Miami Classis meets in Tremont, Clarke County, Ohio, on Thursday evening, before the first full moon in May, 1882, at 7:30 o'clock. President, Rev. R. B. Reichard; Stated Clerk, Rev. P. C. Prugh; Treasurer, A. H. Baughman.

Item 31. Lancaster Classis meets in St. Peter's Church, of the Union Charge, on Friday evening, May 28, 1882, at 7:30 o'clock. President, Rev. H. H. Sandoe; Stated Clerk, Rev. G. H. Leonard; Treasurer, Rev. S. P. Mauger.

Item 32. Tuscarawas Classis meets in Wadsworth, Ohio, on the last Monday evening in May, 1882, at 7:30 o'clock. President,

Rev. J. S. Stoner; Stated Clerk, Rev. E. P. Herbruck; Treasurer, Hon. T. W. Chapman.

Item 33. Tiffin Classis meets in Fort Seneca, Seneca County, Ohio, on Thursday, before full moon in August, 1882, at seven o'clock P. M. President, Rev. Dr. L. H. Kefauver; Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. Dr. J. H. Good.

Item 34. Eastern Ohio Classis meets in Youngstown, Ohio, on Thursday evening, before the 20th of May, 1882, at 7:30 o'clock. President, Rev. M. H. Groh; Stated Clerk, Rev. J. J. Leberman; Treasurer, Rev. J. Huston Bomberger.

Item 35. Northern Illinois Classis meets at Rock Grove, Illinois, on Thursday, before full moon in September, 1882, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. President, Rev. J. Sechler; Stated Clerk, Rev. F. W. Stump; Treasurer, Rev. J. Sechler.

Item 36. Shelby Classis meets in Altamont, Illinois, on Thursday, before full moon in September, 1882, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. R. F. Oplinger; Stated Clerk, Rev. J. S. Shade; Treasurer, J. Runkel.

Item 37. St. Joseph Classis meets in Pulaski, Williams County, Ohio, on Thursday, previous to full moon in March, 1882, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. D. H. Reiter; Stated Clerk, Rev. L. Grosenbaugh; Treasurer, Rev. R. Keller.

Item 38. Cincinnati Classis meets in Hope Church, Columbia, on the first Wednesday after Pentecost, 1882, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. O. J. Accola; Stated Clerk, Rev. J. Bachman; Treasurer, Henry Schroer.

Item 39. Kansas Classis meets in Hiawatha, Kansas, on the first Thursday after Pentecost, 1882, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker; Stated Clerk, Rev. D. J. Greenwald; Treasurer, Henry Moehrwein.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: For action in items 1, 2, 5, and 6 see Article XX, Church Goverment; item 3 was referred to the Committee on Missions; for action in item 9 see Article XIX, Complaints; the items adopted were 4, 7, 8, 10,

11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 to 39.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was received, and having been considered item by item, adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures would respectfully submit the following report:

Item 1. A letter from the Rev. J. Vogt, D. D., asking to be excused from attendance upon the sessions of this synod.

Item 2. A letter from the Rev. S. Thomas, asking to be excused from attendance upon the sessions of this synod.

Item 3. A letter from the Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Superintendent of Orphans' Home, Butler, Pennsylvania, calling the attention of synod to the needs of this institution, with copies of the *Orphan's Friend.*

Item 4. A communication from the Rev. C. Cort renewing his request of last year in reference to grievances which he claims to have been caused by a certain action of the synod at Delaware, Ohio, in 1869.

Item 5. A communication from the Rev. M. Loucks, wherewith he submits to synod the "outlines and plan of a proposed *Church Register*," asking synod's opinion of the same.

Item 6. A letter from the Rev. J. S. Stoner, giving the action of the Tuscarawas Sunday-school Association in reference to the statistical blanks as ordered by synod at its last annual meeting. Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. REICHARD, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: In item 1 the excuse was granted; in item 2 the motion to excuse was laid on the table, in order to consider the question, what relation a minister and elder sustains to the Synod when convened as a general convention; for action in items 2 and 4, see Article XX., Church

Government, for report in item 3, see Article XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; for action in item 5, see Article XXIV., Miscellaneous; and item 6 was referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination would respectfully report:

That no applications have been made for examination, and that we have no further report to make.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, during the last day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was adopted:

It is most becoming first of all to make full acknowledgement of the goodness and love of God to us during the past year. Each classical report on this matter comes burdened with expressions of gratitude for the beneficence of the heavenly Father. Life and health among the ministry were objects of divine care; only one of our numbers having fallen,—Prof. O. A. S. Hursh, and in this the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College has presented suitable action for Synod's adoption,—while the health has been generally so good that few were compelled to discontinue their usual labor.

It is barely possible for any one to give a report of the real condition of the Church, by reading, however carefully, the reports from the different classes. Statements and even figures are sometimes deceptive. There may be substantial progress, yet numbers remaining the same; for if there is gain in the better equipment of the membership in all Christian virtues and graces, that church is not standing still. Majorities are of small significance. More emphasis should be laid upon building not of wood, hay, and stubble, but of gold, silver, and precious stones. A superstructure of such, resting not on the sand, but on the tried stone, is indestructible, and can not but be a power for good. To accomplish this, each report bears fair testimony of the faithfulness in the preaching of the word. With propriety we may rejoice that we have been delivered from all erroneous teachings, and defended against all heresy; for while we have made additions we have not lowered the standard of church-discipline, nor made Bible-doctrine bend to suit the ever-changing sentiment and wish of the world.

A disposition is manifest to cling closely to the land-marks of the fathers, and make prominent the customs of the past—an indication of the large conservative element which prevails in the Church, showing strength and confidence. There should be a wise discrimination here, however; for if the past with its best achievements and its brightest victories becomes an object of idolatry, detracting attention and interest from present duty and future glory, then it is a paralyzing power, not only destructive of all progress, but a dry-rot in the heart-core of the Church, making progress impossible. The Church is not resting so much upon past as upon living principles, susceptible of infinite expansion and application. We are resting upon Him who said, "Let the dead bury their dead: follow thou me." We are under marching-orders,—not a defensive war, wherein we are expected to defend the post or hide behind fortifications built by generations long dead. We are in possession of such facilities that to stand still is dangerous, and to look back satisfied with the attainments of the past is spiritual suicide.

We have detected in the matter of the literature of the

Church a want of interest, only one report calling attention to this subject. Every one who loves to see the Church prosper can but lament this; for it is a vital point in church growth. The more general any people are instructed on all questions of Christian activity, the more efficient do they become as workers in the Church. Religious periodicals are an essential to the proper information of any people. From the pulpit not every subject may be discussed, though proper in itself, for time would be wanting. The religious paper comes as an assistant to the preacher, helping to instruct his people in every duty. Then, too, as it comes laden with reports of Christian activity the world over, it becomes, in every family, an incentive for good.

In connection with this it may be proper to call attention to the Church's relation to her literary institutions. In these there should be a deep interest. Here her ministers will be educated, and many of her people. What these are, then, will largely determine her future. With this molding-power belonging to these places of learning, how much of importance must gather around them. What the state of the Church is in this particular, it is difficult to determine. Yet, from the activity bearing on the education of our people, we are led to believe that we are not neglecting this duty. That it should receive all possible attention all will agree. To accomplish a great mission we can not be indifferent here.

The weekly prayer-meeting has received more attention, and in turn has become a great power for good among our people. Prayer meetings have been established where they have not heretofore existed, while others have been maintained with growing interest. No congregation can realize the highest spiritual development without this means of grace. It is here we may meet in the spirit of the utmost humility, imploring heaven's help. The congregation, going forward in its work supported by the prayers of many devout hearts, does not fail. A people ever near to God in prayer are the very salt of the earth. If in our annual conventions we can report increased interest and devotion here, our blessed church with all her ministrations for good will ever be safe. Doubtless it has often

occurred, unknown to us now, that one Christian by the omnipotence of prayer has saved a community from utter ruin. His prayer, though unheard, was nevertheless felt as a mighty protest against the further encroachments of sin. Many a one on the downward pathway has been arrested by the very thought that one pious soul was engaged in earnest prayer for his salvation. It is, too, the manifestation of that radical change which takes place in regeneration, when the world is compelled to stop and say, "Behold, he prays."

The administration of the sacraments has not been neglected by the ministry, and the membership has appreciated their value and importance. While the number of members exceeds the communicants, yet the discrepancy is not very large, and perhaps could be accounted for, in part at least, by sickness. Children, too, have been brought in holy baptism to the Lord; and many bear the sign of the covenant relation.

At the close of this report we would speak of the benevolence of the Church. And we can do this with gratification; for there has been evidently an improvement here, both in the spirit in which the church has engaged in this department of Christian work, and in the results obtained. Quite a number of the reports speak most encouragingly of what has been done. Others speak of systematic efforts in securing regular contributions, and in some instances with most commendable results. Yet the greatest results will only be attained when both ministers and people will fully realize that the service of God's house demands not alone our songs and prayers, but the consecration of our substance. Devotion is doing what we can with such possessions as the Almighty has given us for the greater glory of Christ's kingdom. Each with his different endowment from the Holy Spirit, whether it be in wisdom or in knowledge or in faith, or if it be one or ten talents, lays it upon the altar dedicated to God. Out of this grows Christian benevolence. What we have has been given us, and with it we are to honor the Giver. We are to be Christ-like. He gave his love, his life. In like spirit, if need be, we are to give our all. Our liberality then is to be measured not so much by the necessities of the hour, as is so often the case, but alone by our ability. An urgent plea may secure a large collection, but not a single penny

given out of a proper motive: for it is not given out of a constraining love of God or to honor his name, but to prevent a shame which would otherwise be upon us. True benevolence is an expression of gratitude; for while we feel we can not enrich him, yet the Church in her mission is the proper channel through which we may express our sense of obligation to Him who has redeemed us with his own life. Then, too, this spirit meets divine approbation; for God loves the cheerful giver. The invitation is, "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. * * * And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts."

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

(*For Statistical Reports see Appendix.*)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

The following reports were received and considered by Synod:

I. The Annual Reports.

1. *Report of Board of Home Missions of Ohio Synod.*

Dear and Respected Brethren: The Board met on October 25, 1880, and elected the following officers: Rev. T. J. Bacher, President, and Rev. J. J. Leberman, Secretary and Treasurer.

The work of missions has received the careful attention of the Board during the past year, and according to our circumstances, we have pressed forward.

The aid which synod brought to the Board, it will be seen by the Minutes of Synod, were two important officers to wit, the Financial Agent, Rev. J. C. Beade, and the Missionary Superintendent, Rev. S. P. Myers.

The Financial Agent, after some delay, entered upon his duties, meeting with commendable success. For reasons best known to the agent himself, he suddenly ceased to act in his new duties, and this part of the work contemplated by synod was not accomplished by him.

The Superintendent of Missions, having been properly called by the Board, entered upon his duties January 1, 1881. His labors have been obstructed by various hindrances, which we regret to say largely reduced the results hoped for. The rigor and storms of winter seriously marred the programme of appointments, and the health of the superintendent, during the spring and summer, also curtailed his usefulness in this office. Another hindrance lies in the fact that many pastors within the bounds of the Synod actually refuse admission to the superintendent to their fields, alleging that local interests, either in behalf of their own field or classis, forbid it. No one, of course, is judge of these circumstances save the pastor and consistory of a charge, and in the event of a refusal, the work of the superintendent there it at an end.

At this point the Board takes liberty to suggest to synod the importance of legislating upon this important work at an earlier part of the sessions than is usually done, in order that a larger representation of delegates may be more thoroughly interested in the work, and in a certain sense, in common with others, become sponsers to synod's enactments.

The superintendent's salary was fixed at eight hundred dollars ($800), to be paid from the Treasury of the Board, together with one hundred additional, provided the superintendent secures this amount by way of collections from unsupplied and unorganized mission points.

The results synod will best ascertain from the report of the Superintendent of Missions, and these will no doubt have influence upon synod's action on this subject for the future.

The finances of the Board are in a hopeful condition. By the kind donation of large sums of two brethren, together with a rather liberal patronage of the Board on the part of some classes and Sunday-schools, we are permitted to report that the debt has been paid.

This ought to be a matter of great rejoicing, and is to the Board an omen of better things to come. May the good Lord speak and be heard by our people all through the church, is our earnest prayer.

Missions under our Direct Care.

Brown County Mission, served by Rev. D. J. Greenwald, and, because of impaired health, assisted by Rev. A. R. Holshouser; appropriation, $150.

The mission is in a very prosperous condition, having completed a new church at one of its points since the last synod.

Salina, Kansas, served by Rev. H. Shumaker; appropriation, $500.

This mission is reported as very unsatisfactory in one of its congregations, owing to the unsettled condition of its membership. In the other there is good hope of ultimate success though great care and sacrifice lies between its present condition and its final success.

New Basil, Kansas, served by Rev. S. Thomas; appropriation, $100.

Bro. Thomas has met with success, and has evidently labored very hard in this trying field. He was, during the year, remembered kindly with a box of goods, etc., from the First Reformed Church, Tiffin.

Freeport, Illinois, served by Rev. I. A. Sites; appropriation, $100.

The mission is hopefully spoken of, but Bro. Sites having recently resigned, leaves it without a shepherd.

Altamont, Ill., served by the Rev. J. H. Shuford; appropriation, $150. It has only recently been taken under the care of the Board, and reorganized by the Superintendent of Missions.

Missions of Classes operating through the Board.

Somerset, Lancaster Classis. Still vacant.

Jerusalem, Lancaster Classis. Served by Rev. J. R. Skinner. The mission is reported as greatly encouraged under the new pastorate

Fulton, Tuscarawas Classis. Served by Rev. J. V. Lerch; appropriation, $200. This mission has built and paid for a new church edifice, and is meeting with success.

Neriah, St. Joseph Classis. Served by Rev. R. Keller; appropriation, $50.

Antwerp, Tiffin Classis. Vacant.

Findlay, Tiffin Classis. Served by Rev. J. H. Hunsberger; appropriation, $75. This point promises success, and we are hopeful that it will ere long be self-sustaining.

Near future efforts will be made by the Board to plant missions in the cities of Cleveland and Fort Wayne. But for the lack of funds these cities would have been visited by the Board long ago. The time has now come when the Board feels that something must be done in these centers of our church. Will the Church respond liberally and help us.

The Synod is reminded that the term of membership of the Revs. J. M. Kendig and J. J. Leberman, of this Board, expires at this Synod. Respectfully submitted,

THEO. J. BACHER, *Pres't.*

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2. *Report of Treasurer of Home Missions.*

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions, of the Ohio Synod, of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

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Moneys received from October 20, 1880, to October 20, 1881.

Cash on hand October 20, 1880	$ 21 73	$ 21 73
Miami Classis.		
Rev. A. Hawker	$ 9 00	
Rev. L. Bike, Elk Creek	1 65	
First Church, Dayton, Wm. Kefauver	55 00	
Rev. J. C. Beade	23 00	
Springboro Congregation, W. H. Siegfried	35 00	
Miami Classis. S. S. Convention, Dr. J. J. Antrim	8 00	
Mt. Zion Charge, Rev. D. Winters, D. D.	10 00	
Lewisburg Congregation, A. C. Coleman	2 00	
Rev. S. B. Yockey, Xenia Charge	113 61	
Germantown Charge, Rev. P. C. Prugh	12 85	
		270 11
Lancaster Classis.		
J. Hetrick per Rev. F. C. Yost	10 10	
Rev. S. P. Mauger, Treasurer	389 80	
Rev. J. R. Skinner, from his charge	13 00	
Thornville Charge, Rev. F. C. Yost	55 25	
Missionary Society, Canal Winchester	14 67	
		482 72
Amount carried forward		$774 56

Tuscarawas Classis.

Amount brought forward		$774 56
Rev. S. C. Goss, Wadsworth Charge	$ 26 00	
Rev. T J. Bacher	7 50	
Tuscarawas charge, Hon T. W. Chapman	40 39	
Hon. T. W. Chapman, Tuscarawas Classis	190 00	
Rev J. S. Stoner	1 00	
A Friend	25	
Canton Sunday-school, Rev. J M. Kendig	6 10	
Additional by classis	200 00	
		471 24

Tiffin Classis.

Rev. J. J. M. Gruber, additional charge	31 86	
Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D	25 00	
Woman's Missionary Society, First Church, Tiffin	30 00	
Tiffin Classis, Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D	74 00	
Bloomville congregation, Rev. S. Shaw	18 80	
Lewis Keller	131 00	
Rev. J. H. Good, D. D	35 85	
Second Reformed Church, Tiffin, L. W. Zimmer	5 37	
Zion's Sunday-school, Rev. J. Ihle	5 40	
Rev. A. E. Baichly	4 75	
		362 03

Eastern Ohio Classis.

Rev. H. T. Spangler, Treasurer of Eastern Ohio Classis	8 38	
Rev. J. J. Leberman	79 00	
Robert Bell, Columbiana congregation	36 65	
Mrs. Magdalena Bates	150 00	
E. O. Classis, Rev. J. H. Bomberger	227 25	
E. O. S. S. Convention	16 59	
Carrollton S. S. Rev. W. A Miller	5 00	
Columbiana S. S., Robert Bell	11 00	
		533 87

Shelby Classis.

Astoria charge, Rev. J. S. Shade	9 80	
Mt. Zion, Rev. R. P. Uplinger	5 00	
		14 80

St. Joseph Classis.

Wakeshma Church, Rev. D. H. Reiter	5 00	
St. Joseph Classis, Rev. W. H. Ziegler	75 00	
Rev. L. Grosenbaugh	10 00	
		90 00

Kansas Classis.

Rev. D. J. Greenwald, Sabetha charge	23 31	
Rev. A. Bolliger, Hiawatha charge	25 30	
Rev. S. Thomas, New Basil charge	5 71	
Willie and Paul Thomas	1 50	
		55 82

Northern Illinois Classis.

Northern Illinois Classis, Rev. J. Sechler	250 00	
		250 00
Amount carried forward		$2522 32

Miscellaneous.

Amount brought forward		$2562 32
From a friend, Christmas present	$ 25 00	
St. Luke's Congregation, Rev. G. W. Henning	2 00	
Mr. and Mrs. J. A Lee, Lone Tree, Iowa	2 00	
Daniel Keen	2 00	
Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D.	30 00	
Mabel Unaupt	10	
Rev. H. Hilbish	25 00	
Donation by a friend	356 05	
Rev. S. P. Myers, Superintendent	826 50	
		$1,268 65
		$3,830 97

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Rev. S. P. Myers	715 50	
" J. A. Keller	691 05	
" H. Shumaker	535 50	
" D. J. Greenwald	124 21	
" S. Thomas	127 21	
Lewis Keller	315 00	
Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D.	54 00	
" J. H. Shuford	71 00	
" A. Bolliger	45 00	
" J. H. Hunsberger	25 00	
" J. M. Kendig	10 00	
" S. C. Goss	6 00	
" T. J. Bacher	7 50	
" J. J. Leberman	7 50	
" J. G. Shoemaker	22 50	
" I. A. Sites	70 00	
Printing, postage, exchange, etc	16 00	
Expended by Northern Illinois Classis	200 00	
" by Tuscarawas Classis	200 00	
" by Lancaster Classis	298 44	
Cash on hand	229 56	
		$3,830 97

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

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3. *Report of Superintendent of Missions.*

To the Reverend Ohio Synod:

Venerable Fathers and Dear Brethren—At your last meeting you elected me to superintend the missionary work within the bounds of this synod's territory. Subsequently your Board of Missions tendered me a regular call to this work. After due consideration I accepted the call, and entered upon the work January 1, 1881.

It at once became apparent that it was impossible to arrange and carry forward the work with that system which it so much demands, while a number of classes were not acting with the Board, but undertaking missionary points themselves and conducting them according to their own legislation.

This plan of classes, acting independent of synod's Board, may, in itself, be a good one, but when brought face to face with synod's legislation through its Board and the work of a general superintendency, it at once throws a barrier in the way of properly organizing and carrying forward the missionary work. I do not make this statement for the purpose of finding fault, but with the view of pointing out one of the great difficulties in the way of the missionary work of this synod, and which makes it difficult to labor in the capacity of a General Superintendent.

The work to which you called me was one in which I had no experience; and having no means at hand by which I could inform myself, there was no other way left me than to learn by experience; hence much of the work may have seemed slow and tedious to the church, while to me it was burdensome and difficult.

With the close of this report I have spent nine months in your service as Missionary Superintendent. This period of time was divided as follows:

1. Four months were devoted to collecting funds.
2. Three months to pastoral work in the various points explored.
3. Two months were consumed in bad weather and sickness.

Soliciting Funds.

Most of the canvassing for funds was done in the classes of Shelby, Northern Illinois, St. Joseph, and Tiffin. The main difficulty in this part of the work was to arrange for continuous work. It frequently was the case that it was not suitable for pastors to receive me into their pastoral charges, or they were so situated that they could not accompany me in a canvass of their fields. To overcome these difficulties took time and pa-

tience. Where these difficulties were not in the way, the work moved on very pleasantly and with success. The following is the result of the canvass in the various charges canvassed:

Shelby Classis.

Altamont Charge	$ 39 13
Shelbyville "	10 55
Mt. Zion's "	30 85
Total	$80 53

Northern Illinois Classis.

Freeport Mission	$ 11 25
Orangeville Charge	51 05
Dakota "	26 64
Forreston "	14 50
Chicago "	12 00
Total	$115 44

St. Joseph's Classis.

Three Rivers Charge	$ 19 70
Zion's "	24 50
Marshall "	55 02
Winamac "	18 68
Wakeshma "	19 15
Union "	16 70
Bunker Hill "	25 67
Total	$179 42

Tiffin Classis.

Fort Seneca Charge	$ 42 90
Bloomville "	45 63
Ada "	16 35
Zion's "	60 25
Heidelberg "	10 50
Fostoria "	38 30
Helena "	19 10
Fremont "	6 00
Berwick "	5 50
Total	$244 53

Miami Classis.

West Alexandria Charge	$ 72 25
Farmersville "	41 00
Valley "	47 72
Germantown "	16 60
Total	$177 57

Tuscarawas Classis.

Canton Charge	$ 10 00
Total amount collected in four months	$807 49
Traveling expenses for nine months	$.....

PASTORAL WORK.

The three months spent in pastoral work were devoted to visiting vacant fields and points not yet organized. The following is the result of the work done:

Altamont Mission. The first place visited was the Altamont charge in Shelby Classis. This field had been vacant for four and a half years. The field consisted of three regular organized congregations. Two of these had good church-houses and free from debt; the other had the privilege of a good school-house in which to hold its services. The membership of the entire field was about forty. The membership was very much discouraged, insomuch that they were not very anxious to try again. The town congregation was considering the propriety of transfering their membership to a sister denomination. We visited them and preached for them, at the same time urging them to call a pastor. This they finally agreed to do, with the understanding that the man sent them should be received on trial. Accordingly Rev. Julius H. Shuford, of North Carolina Classis, was invited to visit them and serve as supply for three months. At the expiration of this time I again visited the field to ascertain the result of this plan. I was much gratified to learn that the membership was much encouraged. The attendance at the regular services on the Lord's day was good, and the public seemed to have confidence in the success of the enterprise.

When the membership was called on to instruct the joint consistory on the question of calling Rev. J. H. Shuford as their regular pastor, the vote was unanimously in favor of calling him as their pastor. Bro. Shuford was regularly called, and entered upon his work in this field, his time beginning with the time he began to supply them, and has continued to labor among these people, with entire acceptance, up to the present time.

The town congregation lately repaired their church-house, which adds very much to its appearance, all of which has been paid for. The contribution of this field to home missions was $39.13.

Shannon, Illinois. The second place visited was Shannon in Northern Illinois Classis. This is a town of about fifteen hundred inhabitants. It is situated about fifteen miles from our mission, in Freeport, Illinois. It was served by Rev. I. A. Sites during the past year, in connection with the Freeport Mission. At Shannon we have a number of members and considerable available material for members, but no organization. I visited this point at two different times for the purpose of organizing, but was prevented each time by the severe snow storms which prevailed in that section of the country at that time. This is a good point and deserves attention. There is a good church-building at this place which can be used by our people if they will furnish regular preaching by an acceptable man.

Freeport, Illinois. This mission is in Northern Illinois Classis. We spent two Sabbaths in this mission. The membership is small, but all of them are worthy and reliable. There is in the city of Freeport much good material for the Reformed Church. I believe that a good missionary could soon make the mission self-sustaining. The mission contributed $11.25 to the cause of home missions. The regular services have thus far been held in the church-house belonging to the German congregation.

Chicago, Illinois. Nearly one week was spent in looking up our prospects for an English interest in Chicago, Illinois. There was no effort made to organize or arrange for regular preaching. The aim, mostly, was to ascertain our prospects and learn the best course to be pursued in building up an interest there. To build up an interest in Chicago would require the services of one of our best men. It would require from six to eight hundred dollars missionary aid per annum for a number of years, after which a reduction of one or two hundred dollars might be made every year, until finally no aid would be needed, but this could be counted on only in case the best of success would attend the enterprise.

Again, from three to four thousand dollars would be required to erect a chapel in which to hold services. The cost of establishing and carrying forward an English interest in Chicago would be equal to the expense of establishing and carrying forward four or five missions in so many of the smaller towns or villages of the West. Bnt one interest well established and carried forward in Chicago would be of as much benefit and good influence in establishing ourselves in the West as ten points established in small towns or villages. Besides, one point in Chicago would require only one man, while ten points in the small towns or villages would require nearly so many men, and in legislation on this matter it is well to keep in mind that we are short of men as well as funds. Our prospects are good enough in Chicago to warrant an effort there.

Lima, Ohio. My attention was directed to this place, and I was invited to visit the parties desiring an English interest. I found a number of members who were anxious to have English services and considerable material for an English interest. From the circumstances of this point, I did not think best to organize for the present. I, however, made arrangements to furnish regular preaching for these people. Geo. W. Remagen and W. H. Shultz, from the senior class of the Seminary at Tiffin preach alternately for them, giving them services every two weeks. The work was placed under the pastoral care of Rev. John J. M. Gruber.

Hume, Ohio. This is a point eight miles south-west of Lima, Ohio, and has received some attention. Here we have ten members organized into a congregation. Rev. A. Gonser preached at this point during his senior year at the Seminary, and succeeded in awakening quite an interest, and at the same time gathering quite an interesting catechetical class. Rev. J. J. M. Gruber had also interested himself in this point, and did much good. Geo. W. Remagen and W. H. Shultz, from the Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, preach for these people on the same day they preach at Lima, Ohio. This point was also placed under the pastoral care of Rev. J. J. M. Gruber.

Kentland, Indiana. This point has material for two congregations. One in Kentland, which is the county seat of Newton County, Indiana, and one about five miles from town. The latter point I organized into a congregation. At this point they are making an effort to build a church-house. Their prospects for success are good. The material at these two points is mostly composed of persons who were catechized and confirmed in our congregations in Pennsylvania, and afterward moved West. A number of them are among the most prominent and influential citizens of that section of country. Since this point was explored, Rev. Aaron H. Leiss has been serving them as supply.

I deem it proper to say that in exploring these points mentioned there were many difficulties in the way; yet I feel as though the Lord had blessed my labor, and I feel it my duty to especially urge upon synod to continue this part of the work with an increased interest. After having given the work of home missions within our synod's bounds a careful consideration, I will submit the following recommendations for synod's adoption:

1. That this synod make an assessment on each of its communicant members of twenty cents, and that the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions be instructed to make out the apportionment of each pastoral charge, according to the membership reported in this synod's statistical table, and send the apportionment to the pastors of the various pastoral charges in synod's bounds.

2. That this synod urge upon its pastors to do all in their power to collect this assessment as soon as possible, and pay it over to the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions.

3. That synod instruct the Board to give credit to the different classes for the amount appropriated to the various mission points under the care of such classes.

This direction is to be construed that the Board is not to assume any classical debt, but only to give credit for the apportionment made, but not yet due, to the missionaries under the direction of such classes.

Trusting the great Head of the Church may direct us in legislating wisely for the furtherance of the kingdom of our Lord, I subscribe myself your humble servant,

SIMON P. MYERS, *Superintendent.*

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4. *Report of Board of Church-Erection.*

The Board of Church-Erection has but a brief report to submit. The organization remains the same as last year: Rev. P. C. Prugh, President, Rev. S. B. Yockey, Secretary, and Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer.

Nothing has been done by the Board during the year except the collecting of a small amount of money, which will be shown by the report of the Treasurer.

The Board will need again $108.00 to pay interest on money borrowed from Heidelberg College.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH, *President.*

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5 *Report of Treasurer of Church Erection Board.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection, of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church.*

1880.		DR.	
Oct. 20.	To	balance in the Treasury at date	$ 337 24
Dec. 25.	"	Miamisburg church, per Dr. T. V. Lyons, Treas. for Greenville church	70 00
1881.			
Jan. 24.	To	Rev. S. P. Mauger, Treas. Lancaster Classis, synodical apportionment	6 34
March 7.	"	Germantown congregation for Greenville church	20 00
" " "		Missionary Society, do. " " "	5 00
" " "		Xenia charge, Beaver cong. " " "	18 39
April 30.	"	Germantown " " " "	12 14
May 3.	"	New Madison charge " " " "	40 00
" 12.	"	Farmersville " " " "	50 00
July 20.	"	Port Jefferson " " " "	55 50
Aug. 23.	"	Mt. Carmel " " " "	18 00
Sept.	"	Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treas. Eastern Ohio Classis, synodical apportionment	25 00
Oct. 12.	"	Xenia charge, Xenia cong. Greenville church	8 43
		Amount carried forward	$666 04

	Amount brought forward	$ 666 04
Oct. 19.	To Tiffin Classis per Dr. Williard on synodical apportionment in 1879	26 10
		$692 14

1881. CR.

July 20.	By cash to Rev. James T. Hale for services rendered	$ 5 50
Oct. 19.	" stationery and postage	2 00
" "	" cash to Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Williard, as interest on his note	50 00
" "	" cash to Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Williard, as interest and part principle on note	26 10
" "	" balance in the treasury	608 54
		$692 14

Of the balance of $608.54 in the treasury, $598.07 were paid in for the Greenville Church by Miami Classis. It may be added by way of a re-statement of facts, and as a proper reminder, that the Ohio Synod in 1879 (Minutes, p. 41) made an apportionment of $700.00 of the Church-erection debt assumed by synod, and in 1880 (Minutes, p. 75) $200.00 more, making a total of $900.00, among the several classes as follows:

Classes.	Apportionments. 1879.	1880.	Total.	Paid.	Unpaid.
Miami	$200 10	$ 30 00	$230 10	$ 26 10	$204 00
Lancaster	107 00	22 00	129 00	35 83	93 17
Tuscarawas	128 70	25 00	153 70	.....	153 70
Tiffin	91 10	20 00	111 10	91 10	20 00
Eastern Ohio	104 25	18 00	122 25	25 00	97 25
St. Joseph	68 85	15 00	83 85	.....	83 85
Cincinnati	.....	70 00	70 00	.....	70 00
	$700 00	$200 00	$900 00	$178 03	$721 97

It will be seen from this statement that the $900.00 apportioned by synod among the classes, only $178.03 have been paid, leaving a balance of $721.97 unpaid. The whole amount, which is due as interest to Heidelberg College, should have been paid by the present synodical meeting, and thus have enabled the Board of Church-Erection to meet the claim. This delinquency has not only embarrassed the Board in its work, but leaves solemn promises and just obligations unfulfilled, and reflects neither credit nor honor upon the church.

It is, therefore, hoped that more definite and tangible measures will be adopted to reach the desired end,—having more meaning and proving more effectual than paper resolutions and

silent figures. The time is here when something decisive is imperatively demanded. As such the whole matter is referred to the earnest consideration of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions submitted their report, which was received, and, as amended, together with the foregoing reports, adopted, and is as follows:

TO THE REVEREND OHIO SYNOD:

Dear Brethren—We submit our report upon the important subject intrusted to our consideration, with profound gratitude to God, who has prospered our work in this direction in the past and the earnest of whose Spirit is the sure pledge of success in the future.

In the light of the years gone by we have made the most commendable progress. Out of comparative disorder we have effected a system that has demonstrated its utility in the general advancement of all the departments of mission work. A diffusion of knowledge upon the subject, an increase of revenue, and the conquest of new fields for the church of our love and the Lord, our Savior, testify to the strength of the Reformed Church, when exerted but a degree. To estimate the harvest, if our whole duty was done in this divine enterprise, would be a task not of small proportion. Much as we have done, however, it is as the drift from a great continent, pointing to an almost unknown, but most desirable possession; for it is written, "the uttermost parts of the earth shall be given unto him for a possession."

For the work in detail, its condition and its promise, we refer you to the very full reports of the Missionary Superintendent, and of the President of the Board. In these reports, as you no doubt observed in the reading of them, there is special consideration of each point now occupied, and also unoccupied places commended. Our home misssion work is receiving much more

consideration at the hands of the clergy and laity at the present time, than in the past. So firmly is the sense of obligation fixed upon the mind and conscience of the church, that it has become a shame to that people who neglect the privilege, and ignore the duty of promoting the mission work of the church; for we mean not that ye be burdened and others eased, but that out of your liberality their extremity be relieved, so that they may minister unto you that there be an equality, and to this end we suggest:

1. That the Treasurer make an estimate of the amount needed for carrying forward the work now undertaken, and that to it be added such a sum as will enable the synod to extend its operations to a reasonable degree at least, and that it be apportioned among the various classes.

2. Inasmuch as the office of Financial Agent of the Board of Missions has not proved a success, we recommend that it be left vacant for the ensuing year.

3. We recommend to your Reverend Body the election of a Missionary Superintendent for the ensuing year.

4. That in the present condition of our mission interests the labors of the Missionary Superintendent be divided between the canvassing for funds and the exploring of new fields and the encouraging of missions and measures, as the Board in their judgment and the existing circumstances from time to time may seem to direct.

5. We recommend a vote of thanks to the Board and Superintendent of Missions for their faithful services during the past year.

6. That the overture of Iowa Classis be referred to the Board of Missions, and their attention directed to the request of the said classis.

7. We also commend to our people the eastern and western missionary periodicals.

8. The importance and usefulness of Ladies' Missionary Societies are fully recognized, and we request the various classes to effect the organization of such societies in all of their congregations.

9. We have audited the Treasurer's report, and have found it correct.

10. The Board be requested to make an appropriation of six hundred dollars for the purpose of missionary work in Chicago, Illinois, and secure, if possible, a suitable man for the work.

11. That, as synod has set apart Saturday evening in the interest of missions, Rev. J. J. Leberman make the opening address, and that Dr. H. Rust and Rev. J. G. Shoemaker follow with short addresses, and that Rev. O. E. Lake conduct the services.

Church-Erection.

As a part of our report on the kindred subject of missions, namely, Church-Erection, we are compelled to deplore the lame condition of this branch of our trust, and must put ourselves on record as derelict in duty; for instead of advancing we have retrograded, and are more deeply in debt than a year ago. Surely, something is wrong somewhere when the most vital interests of the Church are disregarded in this manner. That we may put ourselves into a condition to do something in this direction that may be honorable and praiseworthy, we must demonstrate our sincerity by paying our debts; therefore,

Resolved, That there be an apportionment of $108.00 made among the classes to pay the balance of interest due on the indebtedness of the Board of Church-Erection, and that the synod insist upon the early payment of this amount.

Resolved, That the attention of the classes be called to this new apportionment, and that the Treasurer of the Board of Church Erection is hereby instructed to notify delinquent classes concerning the previous apportionment, and urge upon them the speedy payment of the same.

Foreign Missions.

Upon the subject of foreign missions nothing came into the hands of your committee, but we remember that we have missionaries engaged in the foreign work, and that they are in need of both our prayers and support. We therefore recommend,

1. That synod request the classes to see that a collection is lifted during the year in each of the congregations within their bounds for foreign missions.

2. That we commend to our people the importance of prayer for missions; for Paul may plant and Apollos may water, but God giveth the increase; therefore, whatsoever ye ask in my name, it shall be given unto you.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. HALE, *Chairman.*

III. Election of Board of Home Missions.

Rev. John M. Kendig, *President*, Canton, Ohio.
Rev. Charles M. Schaaf, *Secretary*, North Lima, Ohio.
Rev. John J. Leberman, *Treasurer*, Louisville, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss. Mr. Robert Bell.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Theodore J. Bacher. Rev. Charles M. Schaaf.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. John M. Kendig. Rev. John J. Leberman.

IV. Election of Board of Church-Erection.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Peter C. Prugh.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Mr. Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Richard B. Reichard. Rev. Milton F. Frank.

V. Election of Missionary Superintendent.

The Committee on Missions, in item 3 of their report, recommended the election of a Superintendent of Missions, and after

considerable discussion in regard to the office and the work to be done, and defining the general duties referred to in item 4 of said report, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the synod now proceed to the election of a Missionary Superintendent.

Revs. Reuben Keller and John M. Kendig were appointed tellers. The election was held by ballot, and resulted in the choice of Rev. Simon P. Myers; and, on motion, his election was declared unanimous.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

In view of the fact that the year following the synod held at Goshen, Indiana, in 1879, there was no superintendent of missions; therefore,

Resolved, That Rev. Wm. A. Hale be permitted to pay the ten dollars subscribed by him for the support of a superintendent of missions to Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D., for services rendered by him as missionary at Greenville, Ohio, and that said subscription be marked paid.

On Saturday evening a synodical missionary meeting, under the direction of the Committee on Missions, and conducted by Rev. Orange E. Lake, was held in the Reformed Church at Miamisburg, and addresses were delivered appropriate to the occasion by Revs. John J. Leberman, Dr. Herman Rust, and Joseph G. Shoemaker. The importance of the work and the duty of liberally sustaining the cause were urgently presented. A collection was taken up for missionary purposes, amounting to $20.82.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOICAL SEMINARY,

The following reports were received and considered by synod:

I. The Annual Reports.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary submitted the following report:

After the meeting of synod, held at Columbiana, Ohio, 1880, the Board organized by the election of Rev. David Winters, D. D., *President;* Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary:* and Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer.*

Two vacancies will occur in the Board, as the time of Rev. Dr. D. Winters and Mr. G. G. Prugh expires with this synod.

The seminary is in good working order, and doing a good work for the church in furnishing excellent young men for her ministry. And yet the Board has not been able, for want of funds, to pay the professors salaries as they become due, which ought not to be.

The Board at its last meeting passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, Because of certain shrinkage and losses over which the Board has had no control, the Board, for want of funds, is unable to meet the salaries of the professors; and, *Whereas*, it is important that the salaries be promptly paid; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary hereby respectfully and earnestly request the Ohio Synod to instruct all the pastoral charges, through their respective pastors, to take up special collections before the close of the year, and thereafter continue to raise such collections once a year for this purpose.

The Treasurer will report the condition of the finances, both for endowment and immediate use of the seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WINTERS, *President.*

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2. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board.*

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, at Tiffin, Ohio.*

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 19, 1881.

1880.	Dr.	
Oct. 20.	To balance in the treasury	$ 10 60
	Amount carried forward	$10 60

	Amount brought forward	$ 10 60
1880.		
Nov. 1.	To Dayton City bonds, semi-annual interest	280 00
" "	To Montgomery County bonds, semi-annual interest	20 00
" 25	To John Zollinger, Forreston, Ill., interest on note	24 00
" "	To John Royer, Flat Rock, Ohio, " " "	6 00
" "	To John Siegfried, Springboro, Ohio " " "	85
1881.		
Jan. 14	To Farmers Friend M'f'g Co., Dayton, Ohio, interest on money borrowed	197 33
Feb. 2.	To Reiter & Shearer, Dayton, O., interest in full	16 00
" 14	To Mast & Albert, Murray, Ind., interest on note	4 00
April 1	To Charles Miller, West Carrollton, O., interest on note.	96 00
" "	To Jacob Gephart, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	1 50
" 28	To Abel Peterson, New Burlington, O., interest on note.	2 75
May 2.	To Dayton City bonds, semi-annual interest	280 00
" 9.	To Geo. F. Medlar, Miamisburg, O,, interest on note	1 50
June 6.	To N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, O., interest on note	80 00
" "	To A. H. Bruennert, Tiffin, O., interest on note	80 00
" "	To —— Hubach (Veon), Tiffin, O., interest on note	25 72
" "	" " " " " " " "	16 00
" 27	To Samuel Crist, Royalton O., interest on note	6 00
July 2.	To Dan'l Wampler, West Brookfield, O., interest on note.	3 00
" 5	To Jacob Urschel, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	20 00
" 8	To Jacob Sullivan, Rock Grove, Ill., interest on note	3 00
Sept. 7	To L. H. Diehl, Astoria, Ill., interest on note	12 00
" 7	To Isaac Brillhart, Astoria, Ill, interest on note	1 50
" 21	To Jacob Swope, Astoria, Ill., interest on note	6 00
Oct. 10.	To Levi Kiester, Rock Grove, Ill., interest on note	4 50
" 15	To Samuel Moyer, Ridott, Ill., interest on note	12 00
" 19	To Daniel Frantz, Dakota, " " " "	6 00
" "	To deficit in the treasury	6 41
		$1222 72

CR.

Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 19, 1881.

Paid to Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., on salary	$ 602 72
Paid to Prof. H. Rust, D. D., on salary	580 00
For 100 catalogues of Heidelberg College and Seminary, 1881	10 00
To Treasurer as salary per order of Board	25 00
For stationery and postage during the year	5 00
	$1222 72

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1880.	Dr.	
Oct. 20.	To balance in the treasury at date	$ 636 90
Nov. 1.	To cash on Montgomery County bond	500 00
" 30	" " " note of John Siegfried in full	25 00
	Amount carried forward	$1161 90

	Amount brought forward	$ 1161 90
1881.		
Feb. 2.	To cash on note of Reiter & Shearer in full	500 00
April 1	" " " " " Charles Miller in full	1200 00
" 28	" " " " " Abel Peterson in full	50 00
June 9	" " " " " —— Hubach in full	300 00
		$3211 90

FUNDS INVESTED.

1881.	CR.	
Feb. 24.	By loan to Farmers' Friend Manufacturing Company	$1600 00
June 9.	" " " Prof. J. H. Good, Tiffin, O.	300 00
Oct. 8.	" " " Joseph Schock, Miamisburg, O.	200 00
" 19	" balance in the treasury	1111 90
		$3211 90

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

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3. *Report of the Board of Education.*

Another synodical year having passed away, it becomes our duty, as a Board, to report our labors and their results, which are as follows:

1. *Education.* The Board has under its care at present the following named young men as beneficiary students: Rufus C. Zartman, David A. Parks, Edward M. Beck, Jacob P. Stahl, Frank S. Houser, Geo. W. Remagen, George E. Metger, Wm. H. Shultz, and William H. Tussing. John L. Bretz and John A. Seitz, of the Tuscarawas Classis, and Charles S. Rhodes, while they are not under the immediate care of the Board, receive their appropriation through its Treasurer. These young men are prosecuting their studies with a zeal which makes them worthy of the material support they are receiving from the church. Their moral character and social habits are consistent with their Christian profession, and they comply cheerfully with the requirements of the rules, adopted one year ago by the synod, for their regulation.

We regret to be compelled to report that the executor of the will of the late Sarah Brinker, who bequeathed $1,500 to the Board, was sued, and that we will not realize more than about $800 from this bequest.

The wish of the late Miss Sarah A. Hivling, of Xenia, Ohio, who gave to the Board $1,000 in her last will and testament, has been carried out, and we are now in the possession of twenty shares of the capital stock of the Columbus and Xenia Railway Company, which bears a little over 8 per cent interest. For this liberal donation to so good a cause, the Board has recorded upon its minute book a suitable resolution of thanks, which is also deserving the gratitude of the Church; but, notwithstanding the revenue from these sources and a few liberal donations from individuals, the amount received from the pastoral charges has scarcely covered our expenses of the last year, —much less enabled us to cancel our debt of $275 or any part of it. In order that the Board may meet its old liabilities and not be embarrassed financially in the future, the following resolution was passed by its Executive Committee:

Resolved, That the synod be requested to apportion $2,000 annually among the different classes for beneficiary education, with the request that each minister raise as much as possible over and above his particular apportionment.

2. *Theological Seminary.* The Board takes pleasure in saying that, as far as the state of the finances allow, the seminary is accomplishing its work as fully as its friends could expect. The examinations of the students show that our professors are earnestly striving to prepare their pupils for the high office they have in view. The utmost harmony prevails between the professors and students, which fact grows out of the wholesome government administered by the professors and the Christian courtesy of the students.

At the close of the last seminary year, the following named gentlemen were regularly dismissed to take charge of pastoral fields, and are now engaged successfully in the ministerial work: Madison C. Peters, Albert Gonser, Paul Barringer, James H. B. Lippard, and Allen R. Holshouser. Those received at the beginning of the present year are Frank S. Houser, Samuel L. Runkel, and Rufus C. Zartman, all graduates of Heidelberg College. At present there are thirteen students in the Seminary, ten of whom are in the senior and three in the junior-

class. We commend this, our school of the prophets, to the synod for its liberal patronage and earnest prayers, that its efficiency may be increased by a larger corps of professors and a greater number of students.

The time for which Revs. S. C. Goss, M. Loucks, D. Winters, D. D., and R. Good were elected as members of the Board, expires with this meeting of synod, and the vacancies should be filled. The transfer of the Rev. D. J. Meese to the Presbyterian Church also makes a vacancy which should be observed by the Standing Committee on Nominations.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary.* REUBEN GOOD, *President.*

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4. *Report of the Treasurer of Board of Education.*

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

To balance in treasury October 20, 1880		$ 12 10
MIAMI CLASSIS.		
To cash from Springboro ch'g per W. H. Siegfried, Treas.	$40 00	
" " " Mt. Carmel ch'g per Rev. A. Hawker	3 00	
" " " Xenia cong. per Wm. Rader, Treas	4 00	
" " " Valley ch'g per Rev. M. Loucks	7 50	
" " " New Madison ch'g per Rev. Sol. Ream	10 80	
" " " Union ch'g per Rev. D. R. Taylor	5 00	
" " " Mt. Zion ch'g per Rev. D. Winters, D. D.	10 00	
" " " A. H. Baughman for a particular student	100 00	
		$180 30
LANCASTER CLASSIS.		
" " " Rev. S. P. Mauger, Treasurer		225 00
TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.		
" " " Hon. T. W. Chapman, Treasurer		200 00
TIFFIN CLASSIS.		
" " " Ada ch'g per Wm. Barges	2 50	
" " " Glade Union cong. per Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard.	5 00	
" " " Liberty Center ch'g per Rev. A. E. Baichly	12 20	
" " " Zion's ch'g per Rev. Jacob Ihle	10 00	
" " " Fostoria ch'g per Rev. A. Casselman	13 10	
" " " Ada ch'g per Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard	7 75	
Amount carried forward	$50 55	$617 40

Amount brought forward	$50 55	$617 40
To cash from 1st Church, Tiffin, per Rev. Dr. L. H. Kefauver.	10 00	
" " " Bloomville ch'g per Rev. S. Shaw	9 50	
" " " Berwick ch'g per Rev. Dr. J. H. Good	17 15	
" " " St. Jacob cong. per " " " "	4 00	
" " " Zion's ch'g per Rev. Jacob Ihle	20 00	
" " " Bellevue ch'g per Rev. N. H. Loose	16 66	
" " " Fostoria ch'g per Rev. A. Casselman	10 00	
		$137 86

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

" " " Rev. Wm. H. Ziegler, Treas	68 20	
" " " Rev. Reuben Keller, Treas	50 00	
" " " Rev. L. Grosenbaugh	10 00	
		$128 20

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

" " " Orangeville ch'g per Rev. F. W. Stump	20 00	
" " " Dakota ch'g per Rev. Frank Wetzel	6 50	
		$26 50

IOWA CLASSIS.

" " " Zwingle ch'g per Rev. F. C. Bauman		5 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

" " " Board of Systematic Beneficience, N. Carolina Classis per Col. H. A. Forney, Treas	99 85	
" " " Prospect ch'g per Rev. Ph. Ruhl	34 00	
" " " A Christmas gift	25 00	
" " " Interest on Miss S. Brinker's bequest	120 00	
" " " From a friend	50 00	
" " " Rev. J. A. Keller	10 00	
" " "	25	
" " " Interest on Miss S. A. Hivling's bequest	64 00	
" " " Rev. D. J. Meese, money refunded	80 00	
" " " Rev. P. D. Schory	2 00	
" " " Eman'l Ref. cong. per Rev. E. D. Miller	8 00	
		$493 10
To balance account		40 81
		$1448 87

CR.

By cash paid to beneficiary students	$1352 75	
" " " for postage, stationery, etc	4 15	
" " " for printing circulars and book of blank notes.	12 00	
" " " interest on money borrowed	79 97	
		1448 87
Whole amount paid out		$1448 87

PERMANENT FUND.

DR.

To bequest of Miss Sarah Brinker, deceased	$775 37	
" " " Miss Sarah A. Hivling, deceased	1000 00	
		1775 37

CR.

By loan to Rev. M. Mueller, secured by 1st mortgage.....	$775 37
By 20 shares of the capital stock of the Columbus & Xenia Railway Company.....	1000 00
	1775 37

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Theological Seminary would respectfully report:

From the papers coming into our hands we learn the following facts: That the Theological Seminary is in a prosperous condition, and accomplishing the work designed by the church. The professors, we are told, have the confidence and respect of the students, and are thus enabled to go forward with the utmost harmony in the important work of preparing the young men for the gospel ministry.

The seminary has at present thirteen students of theology, nine of whom are under the direct care of the Board and receiving aid from the church. These young men are all worthy to receive the support of the church, inasmuch as their morals are irreproachable and their deportment consistent with their Christian calling and profession. The rules for the guidance of the students of the seminary, adopted by synod one year ago, are cheerfully complied with, showing proper respect for authority coming from the church.

The Board of Education has the pleasure of announcing to this synod the receipt of twenty shares of the capital stock of the Columbus and Xenia Railway, valued at $1,000, as a bequest from the late Miss Sarah A. Hivling, of Xenia, Ohio. For this kind and Christian act, the church will ever hold her name in grateful remembrance.

Though the Board has received several bequests and has been assisted by friends who contributed toward the support of beneficiary students, they have been somewhat embarrassed, and have not been able to liquidate any part of the debt resting upon the Board. Besides this, the Treasurer of the Seminary has not been able to pay the entire salary of the professors because of shrinkage and loss in the endowment fund, over which the Beard of Trustees had no control. The professors need their salaries, and ought to be paid when due. It is the earnest desire of the Board of Education, as well as the Trustees of the Seminary, that some suitable action be taken by this synod whereby the deficiency may be made up, and a united effort be made throughout the synod to at once raise sufficient funds to meet all present wants and necessities of the Board of Education and the professors of the seminary. Your committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the ministers be urged to seek out such young men in their charges who will be willing to consecrate themselves to the gospel ministry, and urge them to attend the Theological Seminary at Tiffin.

Resolved, That two thousand dollars be assessed among the different classes annually for the use of the Board of Education.

Resolved, That special collections be taken up in each congregation during the year for the present use of the Treasurer of the Seminary; and that the Trustees of the Seminary be authorized to appoint an agent to increase its endowment.

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Education and of its Treasurer, and the report of the Trustees of the Seminary and of their Treasurer, be adopted by synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. *Board of Trustees.*

Rev. Henry M. Herman, *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

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, Financial Agent, in account with Heidelbery College.

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bs from the Old Folks"	$ 170 25
" " Young People	225 30
orical Lectures	27 10
s obtained	3200 00
ld accounts and notes	692 25
	$4314 90

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ing expenses	49 62
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ge	22 49
r	38 00
ld claims	692 25
notes handed over	3200 00
over	282 64
	$4314 90

NEW COLLEGE BUILDING.

taken notes and pledges to the amount of fourteen and thirty-two dollars, no part of which is included in rt above. Four hundred dollars of this amount is in-earing from April 1, 1882. Thus far I have no reason iscouraged in working for the new building.

at we want now is a united effort, and the work will be plished, My work during the past year was confined to erritory of the Lancaster Classis (with the exception of y dollars). Total number of miles traveled since January 1857, 90,271. Respectfully submitted,

HENRY LEONARD, *Agent.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College submitted heir report, which was received, and, as amended, together with that of the Financial Agent, adopted. It is as follows:

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Rev. William A. Hale.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Henry M. Herman.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

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2. *Board of Education.*

Rev. Reuben Good, *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., *Sec'y* and *Treas.*, Tiffin, Ohio

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D. Rev Nathaniel H. Loose.
Rev. Samuel Mease, D D. Rev. Austin Henry.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. John I. Swander. Rev. Orange E. Lake.
Rev. Peter C. Prugh. Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Sebastian C Goss. Rev. Reuben Good.
Rev. Michal Loucks. Rev. David Winters, D. D.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The following reports were received and considered by synod:

I. The Annual Reports.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

[This report was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College, but on its final adoption being moved, it was recommitted with instructions. See report of Committee on Heidelberg College.—*Stated Clerk.*]

2. *Report of the Financial Agent.*

Another year is numbered with the past. I have enjoyed good health and met many good friends, who gave willingly. I traveled during the year two thousand five hundred and twenty-six miles, and I find in looking over my diary, that I made one-fourth of this on foot.

HENRY LEONARD, *Financial Agent, in account with Heidelbery College.*

DR.

Collections, "Crumbs from the Old Folks"	$ 170 25
" " " " Young People	225 30
Proceeds of Allegorical Lectures	27 10
Endowment notes obtained	3200 00
Collections on old accounts and notes	692 25
	$4314 90

CR.

Paid for traveling expenses	49 62
" " printing certificates, large and small	29 90
" " postage	22 49
Cash paid over	38 00
Amount of old claims	692 25
Endowment notes handed over	3200 00
Balance paid over	282 64
	$4314 90

NEW COLLEGE BUILDING.

I have taken notes and pledges to the amount of fourteen hundred and thirty-two dollars, no part of which is included in my report above. Four hundred dollars of this amount is interest bearing from April 1, 1882. Thus far I have no reason to be discouraged in working for the new building.

What we want now is a united effort, and the work will be accomplished, My work during the past year was confined to the territory of the Lancaster Classis (with the exception of thirty dollars). Total number of miles traveled since January 22, 1857, 90,271. Respectfully submitted,

HENRY LEONARD, *Agent.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College submitted their report, which was received, and, as amended, together with that of the Financial Agent, adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Heidelberg College would respectfully submit the following report:

Dear Brethren—From the papers that have come into our hands, we learn "that the college has been going on in its usual way, doing the work assigned it." The total attendance during the year was 167 in both college and academy, showing that the college is receiving the same patronage as in former years. The college is in good working condition, and proper discipline is being administered to disorderly students with good effect. While the church has reason to feel gratified over the present condition of the college, we regret to state that the receipts of the contingent fund do not meet the expenses of the college.

From the Financial Agent's report we find that, as in former years, his time has been spent with his usual success in making additions to both the contingent and endowment funds.

From the report of the Board of Trustees we learn that action has been taken looking towards the erection of a new college-building. It must be evident to all that this is a step in the right direction; we, therefore, recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That this synod indorse the action of the Board, and recommend the project to the prayerful consideration and liberal patronage of the Church.

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Trustees be sent back to said Board with instructions to report to this synod all matters claiming our attention.

Resolved, That the report of the Financial Agent be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JEROME B. HENRY, *Chairman*.

III. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose, *Secretary*, Bellevue, Ohio.
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss.
" Nathaniel H. Loose.
Rev. David Winters, D. D.
" Michael Loucks.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Herman Rust, D. D.
" Samuel Mease, D. D.
" William A. Hale.
Mr. Lewis Keller.
" Andrew H. Baughman.
" William E. Schmertz.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D
" Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.
" Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.
Hon Thos. W. Chapman.
Upton F. Cramer, Esq.
Geo. P. Williard, M. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. Henry M. Herman.
Rev. John Vogt, D. D.
Mr. Benjamin F. Myers.
Mr. Robert Bell.
John Weimer, M. D.
Hon. Warren P. Noble.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

1. *Report on St. Paul's Orphans' Home.*

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, reported in item 3 that a letter had been received from Rev. Thomas F. Stauffer, Superintendent of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa., calling the attention of synod to the needs of this institution, with a copy of the *Orphan's Friend*. This item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Simon P. Myers, Dr. Samuel Mease, and Elder James Swander. This committee, during the Friday afternoon session, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the overture of Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, would offer the following report:

From the report of the superintendent, the action of the Board of Managers placed in [illegible] as well as from other

sources of information, we learn that St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa., is under excellent management, doing an important work, and is most deserving of the aid and co-operation of this synod. The action of the late General Synod, in an earnest way, advises the several synods to engage in establishing orphanages of their own, or actively co-operate with other synods in support of those already established. Since this synod has no such home under its care, and since every advantage is offered and every inducement is at hand to claim the activity and charity of our congregations in behalf of orphans in this noble home at Butler; therefore,

Resolved, That synod would commend the St. Paul's Orphans' Home to the more liberal support and more active co-operation of the pastors and congregations within its bounds, believing that the orphans' need is God's call for our benevolence and prayers, which we dare not disregard.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON P. MYERS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I. Report of Board of Sunday Schools.

The Board of Sunday-schools submitted their annual report, which was received and referred, and is as follows:

Your Board beg leave to present the following report:

Only one paper has come into our hands, viz., a statistical report from Eastern Ohio Classis. The material, therefore, out of which to prepare our paper is very limited, yet the Sunday-school work is none the less interesting, though receiving undue attention. We are, however, prepared to say that there has been not a little work done by our people in this particular field of Christian activity. While the Sunday-school and Church have come near together, yet the results of Sunday-school work should, in a separate way, appear in our minutes year by year. The Sunday-school has a right to see itself recognized

before the church. The results of its work and progress should be also acknowledged.

If an address bearing upon Sunday-schools could be delivered before synod at its annual meeting to secure such recognition of its importance, as it indeed demands, we think that its untility might be enhanced. Through it there may be room for large missionary work. Let synod, therefore, make prominent this field of Christian activity by giving it all proper attention and pastoral care.

Your Board would suggest the following form for a statistical table for the use of the classical conventions:

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Report of the ..... *Sunday School of* ..... *in* .... *County, Ohio, for the year ending* ..... 18 ...

1. Number of months in the year held.....
2. Total number of scholars enrolled.....
3. Average attendance of scholars.....
4. Scholars over 18 years of age: males.....females.....
5. Officers and teachers enrolled.....
6. Average attendance of officers and teachers.....
7. Number of member of your school made profession of religion.....
8. Number of volumes in your library.....
9. Number of S. S. papers taken by your school.....
10. Collections for use of your school.....
11. Contributions for missionary purposes.....
12. Do you hold teachers' meetings?.....
13. Is the catechism studied in your school?.....

Who are your delegates? (*Here write their names:*)—

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Respectfully submitted,

..... *Superintendent.*

..... *Secretary.*

Resolved, That the secretaries of the various Sunday-school conventions be requested to send annually an abstract of their proceedings and a statistical table to the President of the Board of Sunday-schools, who shall make a full report of the work done to synod. Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Secretary.*

II. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechization submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the report of the Board, adopted:

Your Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechization would respectfully submit the following report for consideration:

The material upon which the committee reports is the report coming to us from the Sunday-school Board. From this source we are sorry to learn that, though synod at its last session took action requiring the classes to send reports of their Sunday-schools and conventions to synod's board, only two out of the eleven classes complied with synod's request on this subject.

It is very much to be regretted that there is not a full and uniform report from each of the classes composing this synod. From the surface considerations one would be forced to the conclusion that the classes are derelict in their duties upon this branch of church work, which actually is not the case; but there is a fault somewhere, else synod would now be in possession of far more satisfactory information pertaining to this foundation work of the Church; for the Sunday-school must be solemnly considered as the Church in one of her most important working forms.

Concerning the subject of catechization, so fundamental in the Reformed cultus, there are no papers or documents coming to us. This old, time-honored custom of our Church should be more and more emphasized by the synod, and wherever practical classes should be formed and thoroughly indoctrinated. If catechization could be successfully carried on and our own church literature would be entirely or principally used in the Sunday-schools, a more denominational life and character would certainly follow, and with most gratifying results. With the object in view of obtaining more satisfactory knowledge of the Sunday-school work of our synod, your committee would respectfully suggest:

That synod call the attention of the classes to its action on this subject taken at Columbiana. (Minutes 1880, page 61, item 1.)

That each classis, through the Secretary of its Sunday-school Convention, prepare an abstract of its proceedings, also a full statistical report, and send the same to the President of the Sunday-school Board.

That the statistical blank proposed by the Board of Sunday-schools be adopted.

That the report of the Board be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN HENRY, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Members whose term expire, October, 1882.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Henry M. Herman. Rev. Richard B. Reichard.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Peter C. Prugh.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

The Northern Illinois Classis, as reported in item 9 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, complained against the action of synod in the case of Rev. Joshua H. Derr. The item was adopted, and the subject matter thereof referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, Reuben Good, and Elder Joseph F. Kemp. This committee, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, presented their report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to consider item 9 of the report on classical minutes, which has reference to grievances of the Illinois Classis with the action of this synod at its last annual meeting in the dismissal of Rev. J. H. Derr to the West Susquehana Classis, beg leave to offer the following report:

The Aforesaid Classis Complains:

1. That the synod mentioned its request with reference to the dismissal of the Rev. Joshua H. Derr.

2. That the synod did not examine the documents laid before it.

3. That synod's deliverance in declaring the action of classis unconstitutional to be incorrect.

4. That synod has no authority to imperatively instruct a classis how to vote, which it did in this case.

With reference to the above items, one, two, and four, your committee, in view of the absence of the original documents, can not arrive at any definite conclusions as to any irregularity in the proceedings of this body last year, of which the Illinois Classis complains, and the synod can only express its regrets that its action should have caused any unpleasant feelings to a classis under its care.

With respect to item two, it is the opinion of your committee that the classis is in error in saying that its documents were not brought before the synod. Upon our personal knowledge of the fact, it may be stated that voluminous documents were placed in the hands of synod's special committee to whom this matter was referred.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Rev. William A. Hale.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Henry M. Herman.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

RESULTS OF THE PEACE MOVEMENT.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the afternoon session on Saturday, reported in item 14 some referance to the "Peace Movement." The item was adopted and referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Jesse Steiner, Orange E. Lake, and Elder Andrew H. Baughman. This committee, during the morning session on Monday, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The special committe to whom the result of the "Peace Movement" was referred would respectfully submit the following paper for the consideration and adoption of this synod:

Whereas, In the church, in her militant state, we must look for lights and shadows,—for periods in her history when the tendency to diverge and to converge will alternately prevail—for times and seasons of sadness and gloom, and of peace and joy; and,

Whereas, It has pleased the great Head of the Church, in his wise and inscrutable providence, to lead our own beloved Zion into the wilderness, and for the space of more than a quarter of a century, to subject her to the scathing, fiery trials of strife, dissension, and alienation; and,

Whereas, It has been the good pleasure of our kind and heavenly Father to move, by his Spirit upon the minds and hearts of his servants, both to earnestly desire and also to inaugurate a movement towards peace; and,

Whereas, He has also given to them grace, to prosecute in his fear and with his blessing the good work, until it was consummated and ratified; and,

Whereas, All the difficulties that existed were amicably adjusted, and the great blessing of harmony and peace were restored without sacrificing any of the doctrines, the cultus, the government, the sacraments, the rites and worship of the Church; therefore,

Resolved, That we hail in the great joy of our hearts and with profound gratitude to the great Head of the Church, the grand result which, with God's blessing, has been achieved by the "Peace Commissioners."

Resolved, That all the pastors of churches and charges within the bounds of this synod be requested, at their earliest convenience, to preach a sermon on the great theme of Peace, and on that occasion to direct in a special manner the attention of their audiences to that harmony and peace which God, in his abundant mercy and love, has once more vouchsafed to our beloved Zion.

Resolved, That to make this peace real and permanent, there must be an oblivion of the past, the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, one faith, one baptism, one God and one Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to the commissioners appointed by this synod for the noble manner in which they executed the good work committed into their hands.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STEINER, *Chairman*.

Relation of Minister and Elder to Synod, &c.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, in item 2, reported during the afternoon session on Friday, that Rev. Siegfried Thomas asked to be excused for non-attendance upon the sessions of the synod. The motion to excuse was laid en the table. Then, on motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of two ministers and one elder be appointed to report on the relation that a minister and delegated elder sustains to the Ohio Synod, convened as a general convention.

The committee consists of Revs. Peter C. Prugh, John M. Kendig, and Elder Andrew H. Baughman. This committee, during the morning session on Monday, presented their report, which was considered item by item, and adopted:

The special committee to whom was referred item 2, of the Report on Overtures, beg leave to submit the following report:

The question raised by the item, and referred to this committee is, "What relation does the minister and delegated elder sustain to the Ohio Synod, when convened as a general convenconvention." The question was raised when a request was made by certain brethren, through the Committee on Overtures, asking to be excused for their absence from synod. It was held by some that the power to excuse and censure, lies immediately in the synod when sitting in general convention, but by another part it was held that all requests for excuse should be referred to classes. The action of this synod does not seem to have been regular: and we learn that for many years the question has been debated. It is proper that synod should determine once for all, so far as its own action is concerned, this relation of members to itself, and the extent of its authority over its own members. But it is manifestly proper also, that no action should be taken hastily in the matter, for it is proposed to establish a rule for our future conduct in the case. With the information at hand, and in view of the irregular practice in the past, also because of the limited time at disposal to consider the question, your committee are not prepared to report positively to this Synod. In order to dispose of the question for the present, we recommend the following action:

Resolved, That synod, without expressing an opinion on the merits of the question, pass upon all aplications for excuse that may be made.

Resolved. That a special committee be appointed to investigate the question and report to synod at its next annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER C. PRUGH,
JOHN M. KENDIG,
A. H. BAUGHMAN.
Committee.

In connection with the adoption of the second resolution in the foregoing report, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report on this subject to the next synod.

The committee consists of Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Samuel B. Yockey, and Elder Lewis Keller.

Thereupon, item 2 in the report of the Committee on Overtures, was taken up, and Rev Siegfried Thomas, together with Revs. John J. M. Gruber, Joseph W. Barber, and Elder Thomas W. Chapman, was excused for non-attendance on the sessions of this synod.

Respecting Assessments on Cincinnati Classis.

The Cincinnati Classis, as reported in item 6 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, complained of synod's assessment in 1878 and 1880, and requested to be excused from paying all above forty-five dollars. The item was adopted, and, after having been laid on the table for awhile, it was taken up for consideration and referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John I. Swander, Levi Rike, and Elder David L. Neibel. This committee, during the afternoon session of the third day of the sessions, presented their report, which was received, and, as amended, adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the request of Cincinnati Classis to be released of a portion of the assessment made upon said classis in 1880 (p. 74, 75), would respectfully report as follows:

The history of the case for the last two years shows that in 1879 Cincinnati Classis complained to the synod at Goshen of an unequal assessment. At the same synod, Cincinnati Classis was provisionally dismissed for the purpose of entering into the formation of a new synod, and it seems that, consequently, no assessment was made that year upon said classis for any purpose whatever. In 1880, Cincinnati Classis (still continuing its relation to this synod) was placed under an assessment for the two years of 1879 and 1880.

This assessment your committee finds to be just and equitable, but yet in the light of all the facts in the case, Cincinnati Classis should be relieved to the extent of $50.00, but efficiently urged to make every payment of the balance.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN I. SWANDER, *Chairman.*

ACTION ON REQUEST OF REV. CYRUS CORT.

During the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, the Standing Committee on Overtures reported in item 4, that a communication was received from Rev. Cyrus Cort, renewing his request of last year respecting grievances which he claims were caused by a certain action of the synod, at Deleware, Ohio, in 1869. This item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Samuel B. Yockey, Solomon Ream, and Elder Lewis Keller. This committee, during the afternoon session on Friday, presented their report, which was received and adopted.

The special committee to whom was referred the request of Rev. C. Cort, of Iowa Classis, respectfully present the following report:

Having examined all available documents, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this synod, in harmony with the instructions of the General Synod in 1869, rescind all actions of this synod of whatsoever character, which may have been taken, or if any now be pending concerning Rev. Cyrus Cort.

Respectfully submitted

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY,
SOLOMON REAM.
LEWIS KELLER.
Committee.

During the afternoon session on Saturday, the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, in item 15, reported that the General Synod made a request respecting the proposed revised constitution of the Church. The item was adopted, and then the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the subject matter of this item be referred to a special committee, with instructions to investigate the whole subject carefully and submit a report to the next meeting of this body, and that it be made the order of the day for the first morning session.

The committee consists of Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., John I. Swander, and Elder Lewis Keller.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the afternoon session of the fourth day of the sessions, reported in item 17 that the General Synod had given instruction to the Ohio Synod in regard to the Loran congregation within the bounds of the Northern Illinois Classis. The item was adopted, and, on motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the Northern Illinois Classis be and hereby is instructed to ascertain, by a regular vote taken by the Loran and the German Freeport congregations, whether they will stand connected with the Northern Illinois Classis or the Milwaukee Classis, as provided by the amendment of Article 46 of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the morning session on Friday, reported in item 1, as an irregularity, that Iowa Classis had not recorded its report on the Minutes of Synod. The item was adopted, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That Iowa Classis be requested to record its report on the Minutes of the Ohio Synod.

The classes of Northern Illinois and Iowa, as reported in item 2 in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested synod to meet always as a delegated body, except at the meeting preceding that of the General Synod. The item was adopted, and the following action passed:

Resolved, That the synod respectfully declines to accede to the request.

The Cincinnati Classis, as reported in item 5 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested synod to instruct its officers to furnish the proper credentials, in order to enable it to unite with other classes in the formation of a new synod. The item was adopted, and, on motion,

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Classis is respectfully referred to the action of synod taken in 1879. (See Minutes, 1879. Page 67.)

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The following reports having been received, were considered and adopted by synod:

I. Report of the Board of Publication.

Dear Brethren:

The Board of Publication beg leave to submit the following report:

The Board met at Columbiana, Ohio, last October, and organized by electing the following officers, Rev. M. Loucks, president, and Rev. P. C. Prugh, secretary. No business was transacted at the meeting of organization.

1. We are pleased to report that the publication interests have attained a permanent and prosperous condition. During the year that *old friend* and *fireside companion and comforter*, *the Christian World*, made its weekly visits wherever the door was thrown open. It came laden with the choicest and most wholesome reading matter for the old and young. The various departments of the paper compare very favorably in point of ability and general merit with other religious periodicals. As a paper for the family and home, it comes seeking a place in every home of the Church, and well deserves a large and liberal patronage. It should be a welcome visitor because no Christian home is complete without a religious paper, and our own periodicals should have the preferance within our own families. We fear too many do not appreciate its merits, and the labors of the editors and publishers.

2. During the year one change has been made in the addition of a new member to the firm and editorial staff. Rev. Edward Herbruck, formerly of Canton, Ohio, purchased one half of all the publications, January 21st, 1881, and since April 1st, has assisted in the practical work, and rendered acceptable service in the editorial department. We have reasons to hail with pride the advance that is being made in all the intricate workings of so important an enterprise.

The circulation of the *Christian World* is encouragingly large, but has abundant room for a wider circulation. During the year about five hundred new subscribers were added to the list. True there has also been a falling off, which is natural and is expected. Because of this, renewed efforts should be made everywhere to swell the number of subscribers, and thus enable the publishers to advance still higher and make the work a greater success and power in the Church, for in proportion to the support will be the advance in the publication interests.

3. *The Sunday-school Publications.* The *Instructor*, *Lesson Quarterly*, and *Leaves of Light*, have also been regularly issued, and from the encouraging circulation seem to meet with rather general favor. These also deserve a wider circulation, and should be found in every school where they can possibly be introduced. Too many forget that to make our own equal to others we should not only support them in our own church, but endeavor to have them circulated in union schools.

Some of our schools, encouraged perhaps by the pastor, still cling to other papers and lesson helps, because a trifle cheaper. not thinking that the best is always the cheapest.

1. Another matter of regret in regard to the subscription to the various periodicals is the delay on the part of so many not to pay their dues promptly. This is a matter of great importance, and we *recommend* a special resolution to be spread upon the minutes calling special attention to this duty.

2. We further, in view of the relation that Rev. E. Herbruck sustains to the publishing and editorial interests of the paper, *recommend* that he be associate editor.

3. We further recommend that an increased effort be made

by all the pastors and people to swell the number of subscribers, and labor diligently for the success and future prosperity of the publication interests.

4. We further call attention to the fact that the time of the following members of the Board expires with this synod, and new members should be elected, viz: Revs. H. M. Herman, and S. B. Yockey.

5. We anew commend the management and efficient labors of the editors and publishers to the confidence of the people, and with the managers express our gratitude for past favors, asking a continuance of the same for the future. By order of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

M. LOUCKS, *President.*

II. Report of Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication submitted their report, which was received, and as amended, adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Publication would offer the following as their report:

The only document placed in our hands is the report of the Board of Publication, a careful consideration of which has given the joyful assurance that "the publication interests have attained a permanent and highly prosperous condition." For this happy result of the faithful labors of the Board, the editor, the assistant, and the publishers of the *Christian World* and the different periodicals, we have great reason to be devoutly thankful to the Giver of all real blessings. The addition of Rev. Edward Herbruck to the firm, is evidently a new power for good in the practical work of these publications. Together with the members of the Board, all the members of synod have reason to hail with pride the advance that is being made in all the intricate workings.

Having now reached a firm foundation, we may look forward with joyful expectation of still greater benefits that will flow to

us and to our families, to our Sunday-schools and congregations, from the intellectual and spiritual food offered in the *Christian World*, and the other periodicals.

In view of these facts, your committee would suggest the following action for adoption:

Resolved, That Rev. Edward Herbruck, A. M., be and is hereby declared associate editor of the *Christian World*.

Resolved, That this synod has implicit confidence in the general management af the Board of Publication, and in the ability and efficient labors of the editors.

Resolved, That synod earnestly commends the *Christian World* to all the families of the Reformed Church, feeling assured that its contents will prove a source of blessing to every careful reader; and requests that renewed efforts be made by the pastors and people to increase the number of subscribers; and also requests all our pastors and the Sunday-schools under their care, to introduce our Sunday-school publications as far as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN RUST.
F. F. CHRISTINE.
FRANK WETZEL.
Committee.

III. Election of the Board of Publication.

Members whose term expires October, 1882.

Rev. Peter C. Prugh. Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Michael Loucks. Mr. Geo. F. Wentz.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Henry M. Herman. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during Friday afternoon session, reported in item 7, that a committee was appointed in 1880, to report to this synod on the question, What relation does the Board of Publication sustain to the *Christian World?* The item for the time being was laid on the table to

allow time to report. The committee, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, reported progress and asked to be continued another year, which request was granted.

The committee consists of Revs. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., and Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.,

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The committee appointed in 1880 to consider the matter of purchasing the "*Wadsworth Steam Printing-House,*" submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed by the last Ohio Synod, respecting the "Steam Printing-House," at Wadsworth, Ohio, convened at the residence of Rev. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., in said town, on Wednesday, November 17th, 1880, all the members being present; and, after instituting an examination of the property, and giving due consideration to the subject in all its bearings, the following action was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the committee appointed, with reference to the "Wadsworth Steam Printing-House," that in case the Ohio Synod purchase a printing house, it ought also in that event purchase and own the CHRISTIAN WORLD for itself; and,

Whereas, Such a change, in the present relation sustained by the synod to the CHRISTIAN WORLD, would involve large additional obligations; and,

Whereas, The property, known as the "Wadsworth Steam Printing-House," offered by Mr. Jacob Detweiler for $7.000, is believed to be in itself a reasonable price, yet owing to its internal equipments, being largely unavailable for the use of a publication house, such as the committee thinks the synod should have; therefore,

Resolved, That the committee, under all the circumstances, feels constrained to recommend to synod the abandonment of the purchase of said Printing-House.

Resolved, That the committee tender their hearty thanks to Mr. Jacob Detweiler for his generous hospitality, together with his thoughtfulness in directing the attention of synod to this

property, which under other circumstances might have been made conducive to great good to the Church.

Respectfully submitted.

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER.
THEODORE J. BACHER.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.
ISAAC H. REITER.
HENRY M. HERMAN.
GEORGE F. WENTZ.
} Com.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1,300 copies of the minutes of this synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and distributed among those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following reports received the attention of synod:

I. Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

J. H. Good, *Treasurer, in account with the Ohio Synod. To amounts received from October* 1, 1880, *to October* 1, 1881, *as follows*:

DR.

Miami Classis, bill of 1880 in full	$ 128 40
Lancaster Classis, bill of 1880 in full	67 60
Tuscarawas Classis, bill of 1880 in full	82 40
Tiffin Classis, bill of 1880 in full	64 80
Eastern Ohio Classis, bill of 1880 in full	68 00
Iowa Classis, bill of 1880 in full	22 15
Shelby Classis, bill of 1880 in full	12 00
Kansas Classis, bill of 1880 in full	8 60
Cincinnati Classis, bill of 1880 in part	49 60
St. Joseph Classis, bill of 1880 in full	43 00
	546 55
To balance from former year	339 79
	$886 34

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To paid sexton at Columbiana	$ 10 00
Rev. D. Lantz, one-third traveling expenses	7 50
Amount carried forward	17 20

Amount brought forward	$ 17 20
Rev. I. A. Sites, traveling expenses	7 50
Rev. D. J. Greenwald, traveling expenses	18 00
Rev. H. M. Herman, traveling expenses to Wadsworth	12 40
Dr. L. H. Kefauver, " " " "	5 10
Dr. I. H. Reiter, " " " "	10 40
Elder G. F. Wentz " " " "	10 40
Elder Henry Keller, one-third traveling expenses	5 75
Bill of Dr. Reiter, Stated Clerk, as follows:	
Printing R. R. orders	2 50
Traveling expenses to synod	7 50
Postage stamps	13 50
Wrapping paper, mailing, etc	3 50
Stationery and postage	11 00
Salary for 1880	75 00
Printing 1,200 Minutes, synod of 1880	132 00
Postage and stationery for Treasurer	12 15
Apportionment of General Synod, 1881 (in part)	300 00
	644 20
Balance on hand	242 14
	$886 34

Indebtedness to Synod.

Northern Illinois Classis, 1879 in part	$ 6 00
" " " 1880 in full	15 00
Cincinnati Classis, 1880 in part	28 40

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with the treasurer's report, adopted:

Your Committee on Finances would respectfully submit the following report:

The report of the Treasurer of the Ohio Synod, which was placed in our hands, has been examined and found correct, and we are gratified to find a balance of $242.14 in the treasury.

The several amounts referred to your committee to be apportioned among the different classes are the following:

For Home Missions	$4500 00
Church Erection	108 00
Beneficiary Education	2000 00
Contingent expenses	350 00

Which are apportioned as follows:

Classes.	Missions.	Church Erection.	Beneficiary Education.	Contingent Expenses.
Miami	$960 00	$23 00	$457 00	$80 00
Lancaster	534 00	13 00	255 00	45 00
Tuscarawas	678 00	17 00	323 00	56 00
Tiffin	428 00	11 00	204 00	36 00
Eastern Ohio	483 00	12 00	230 30	40 00
Northern Illinois	91 00	3 00	43 00	8 00
Shelby	115 00	3 00	55 00	10 00
Iowa	193 00	5 00	92 00	16 00
St. Joseph	358 00	9 00	171 00	30 00
Cincinnati	577 00	14 00	275 00	48 00
Kansas	96 00	3 00	46 00	8 00

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL LANTZ.
ALPHEUS E. BAICHLY.
JESSE STEINER.
PETER C. PRUGH.
A. H. BAUGHMAN.
Committee.

III. Payment of Bills by the Treasurer.

The treasurer was instructed to pay, as per order, the following bills, which were allowed by the synod, namely:

1. Mr. John R. Peiffer, sexton of the Reformed Church at Miamisburg, $10.00 for his services rendered during the sessions of synod.

2. Rev. Daniel Lantz, and Rev. Frank Wetzel, of Northern Illinois Classis, each $7.50, being one third of their traveling expenses in attending synod. Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker, of Kansas Classis, $24.00, being the half of his travelling expenses in attending synod.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the morning session on Friday, presented their report through the chairman, Rev. Reuben Keller. The report was received and adopted, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to have a sufficient number of the nominations printed for the use of synod.

The election of the several boards was made the order of the day for Saturday morning at nine o'clock, and at the appointed time the electiou was held. Revs. G. Wm. H. Smith, and John D. Neff were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots, and subsequently reported the result to the synod.

For the result of the election in each case, see Articles XIII., Missions; XIV., Theological Seminary; XV., Heidelberg College; XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; XVII., Sunday-schools; XX., Church Government; and XXI., Publication.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In Memoriam.

On motion, the following action in memory of the late President James A. Garfield was adopted by synod:

Whereas, The Lord has allowed an assassin to take from the highest official position of the nation the late James A. Garfield, President of the United States; and feeling deeply the great affliction of the nation in the death of our chief magistrate; and greatly deploring the condition of things under which it is possible for a villianous and disappointed politician to plunge a nation from prosperity and peace into grief and sadness; and fully appreciating the merciful interposition of a kind Providence in delivering us from the sad calamity and in bestowing the sustaining power of grace to all the sufferers in this dire tragedy; therefore,

Resolved, That we bow in submission to the will of God, and hereby extend our sympathy to the mother, the widowed wife, and the children of our late President, and pray that God our Father may overrule this affliction to the good of all people in all places, and that he may bring us as a nation to a higher Christian manhood by the study and imitation of the splendid specimen of the true Christian statesman, which our lamented President was.

Resolved, That we commend in our prayers President Chester A. Arthur and all that are in authority to God, that we may have a pure and peaceable administration of public affairs.

PROPOSED CHURCH REGISTER.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during Thursday afternoon session, in item 5, reported that a communication had been received from Rev. Michael Loucks, submitting the "outline and plan of a proposed Church Register," and asking synod's opinion respecting it. This item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Samuel Mease, Prof. Alvin S. Zerbe, and Elder Joseph Anderson. This committee, during the afternoon session on Friday, presented their report, which was received and adopted;

Your committee to whom was referred the outline of a Church Register by Rev. M. Loucks, would report:

Uniformity and carefulness in the keeping of church records in our congregations are matters of great importance. We have with pleasure examined the outline before us. It includes nine different and convenient forms, for pastor, officers, and members, arranged in harmony with the order, practice, and requirements of our church; accompanied with preface, explanations, and minute pages. Whilst, perhaps, a few improvements might be suggested in the details, it is such as would meet the wants of the church, and could be furnished at a price much less than the needed books could be secured when made to order. We would suggest the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That synod approves of the publication of a Church Register, such as is proposed by Rev. M. Loucks, and if issued, would heartily recommend its use by the pastors and congregations of the Church.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL MEASE.
ALVIN S. ZERBE.
JOS. ANDERSON.
Committee.

Subjects to be Discussed at Next Synod.

During the afternoon session of the second day of the sessions, several resolutions were offered proposing the discussion of some vital subjects at the next annual meeting of the synod. These resolutions were referred to a special committee, consisting of Prof. Alvin S. Zerbe, Rev. Peter C. Prugh, and Elder Samuel S. Dewalt. This committee, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Resolved, That for the purpose of eliciting a discussion of questions vital to the growth of the Church and securing a more general interchange of views, as well as for the purpose of giving greater aim and definiteness to the occasions specified, and of confining the deliberations to certain limits, the subjoined programme be adopted for the next annual meeting of the synod, at Akron, Ohio.

FRIDAY EVENING.

General Subject—Education.

Special Topics:

(*a*). Our Denominational Literature.

(*b*). Higher Education in the Reformed Church.

(*c*). The Revised Version of the New Testament.

(*d*). What are the Results of the Peace Measures?

(*e*). The Relation of our Present Theology to that of the Reformers.

(*f*). What is the Distinctive Mission of the Reformed Church?

(*g*). A Discussion of the New Testament *aion* and its derivatives.

SATURDAY EVENING.

General Subject—Temperance.

Special Topics:

(*a*). The correct Position of the Reformed Church on the Temperance Issues.

(*b*). The Pledge System in the Temperance Work.

(*c*). What may be said for, and what against Prohibition.

(*d*). What may be said for, and what against the License System.

SUNDAY EVENING.

General Subject—Missions.

Special Topics:

(*a*). The True Spirit of Missions.

(*b*). Missions Within the Bounds of this Synod.

(*c*). Missions Beyond the Bounds of this Synod.

(*d*). The Mission Work of our own time compared with that of Rev. Michael Schlatter.

Resolved, That the officers of synod constitute a committee, with instructions to appoint and notify at least three months in advance, one speaker and an alternate, to deliver an opening address upon one of the special topics, which in the judgment of the leading speaker for the evening, is best adapted to the time and circumstances, and that afterward the topic thus introduced be further considered by members of synod in five minute addresses. Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN S. ZERBE, *Chairman.*

Action Respecting "Pastor and People."

Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D., during Friday afternoon session, presented a copy of *Pastor and People* to synod, accompanied with a brief statement respecting this publication, and thereupon it was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Herman Rust, Orange E. Lake, and Elder Benjamin F. Rohrer. This committee, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee on this periodical would respectfully report:

We have carefully examined its contents, and we find that this publication is designed to promote efficiency in Christian teaching and working. It has some special features that are perhaps not found in any other, prominent among which is the adaptedness for both pastors and members of the church. We learn, also, that hereafter it is to be published in Chicago by a reliable and enterprising firm, which will doubtless give to it additional strength. We, therefore, recommend it cordially to the patronage and support of pastors and people in the church, and suggest the following action:

Resolved, That the Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D., the managing editor of this periodical, being one of our number, deserves to be encouraged in this enterprise, both as to suitable contributions for its columns and the extension of its circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN RUST, *Chairman.*

On motion, during the morning session on Saturday, Revs. John J. Leberman, Richard B. Reichard, and Elder James Swander were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence, through whom all applications for leave of absence are to be made. The committee, through the chairman, Rev. John J. Leberman, near the close of the sessions, presented a report, which was accepted, and the recommendations contained therein approved by synod.

The synod, during the afternoon session on Thursday, proceeded to select the place and fix the time for its next annual meeting. The places proposed were Louisville, Akron, and Fairfield, Ohio, and Forreston, Illinois. The election proceeded by calling the roll, and, on the second vote, Akron, Ohio, was chosen as the *place;* and the *time* fixed was the Third Wednesday in October (18th), A. D., 1882, at seven o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE XXV.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod hereby tenders its hearty thanks to the members of the Reformed Church and the citizens of Miamisburg for the most generous hospitality extended to its delegates during its sessions.

Resolved, That the above resolution be read before the congregation at its next Lord's day service, and that it also be published in the city papers.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to tender the thanks of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church to those railroad companies, namely, the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railway, the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton, and the Dayton and Michigan Railroads, and the Indiana, Bloomington and Western Railway, Ohio Division, for permitting the members of said synod to pass over their respective roads at reduced rates.

The roll was called, and there were none of the members found absent without permission or excuse.

The Minutes of the last day were read and approved, and they were then adopted as a whole and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States now adjourns, to meet in general convention in Grace Reformed Church at Akron, Summit County, Ohio, on the third Wednesday in October (18th), A. D., at seven o'clock in the evening.

The synod adjourned on Monday afternoon, October 24th, at five o'clock, with singing, prayer by Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, the doxology, and the benediction by the president.

MICHAEL LOUCKS, *President*.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

NOTE.—The Ohio Synod adjourned in 1880 to meet in West Alexandria, Ohio, October 19, 1881, but as the West Alexandria charge in the meantime became vacant, and it was therefore thought that the synod could not be conveniently and suitably entertained there, the meeting of synod was changed by the officers to Miamisburg, Ohio.—*Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.—MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday Sch'l Scholars	Stud'ts Min'try.	Contributi'ns		Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.											Benevol't Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
David Winters, D.D.	Mt. Zion,	2	210	70	6				200		2		6	2	130		$95	$700	6	Dayton, Ohio.
Samuel B. Yockey.	Xenia,	2	300		1	2	7		260				3	2	200		220	1,500	12	Xenia, Ohio
Henry M. Herman,	Miamisburg,	1	300	140	11	1	2	6	172	5			6	1	170		85	1,200	15	Miamisburg, Ohio.
	West Alexandria, *	3	435	100	12	11	23	2	400	5			13	3	450	1	120	1,128	20	West Alexandria, Ohio.
James T. Hale,	Fairfield,	3	330	130	12	45	55	17	265	3			6	3	230		50	4,235	24	Fairfield, Ohio
Daniel R. Taylor.	Union,	4	306	47	4	23	28	20	246	7			3	4	360		120	801	20	North Hampton, Ohio.
G. Wm. H. Smith.	Caesar's Creek,	2	190	41	8	8	10	6	150	5		3	1	2	135		40	621	5	Xenia Ohio.
	Highland,	2	240	79	9	8	10	2	180	7	2	10	1	2	210		45	550	4	
George Z Mechling.	Hamilton,	2	74	40	6	2	3	3	60	4			1	1	100		10	350	10	Hamilton, Ohio.
Jonathan C. Beade.	Port Jefferson,	3	182	83	4		3		110				2	3	235		35	600	12	Sidney, Ohio.
William A Hale.	First Church, Dayton,	1	369	100	12	6	20	14	297	6	1	14	4	1	175		90	9,958	20	Dayton, Ohio.
Milton F. Frank,	Farmersville,	2	260	120	6	2	3		205	1		3	5	2	200	1	62	800	6	Farmersville, Ohio.
Milton F. Frank, (sup)	Winchester,	1	40	8	1	2	3	1	36					1	50		2	250		Farmersville, Ohio.
John Stuck,	Mt. Pleasant,	3	207	60	16	25	27	5	187	1			2	3	220		48	2,250	10	Hillgrove, Ohio.
Jacob M. Le Fevre.	St. Paris,	3	158				7	3	158				1	3	160					Sidney, Ohio
Jacob Weaver	Salem,	2	48					1	47		1		1							Sidney, Ohio.
Richard B. Reichard.	Springboro,	1	79	35	2		1		70			18	1	1	70	1	100	475	4	Springboro, Ohio.
Adam Hawker.	Mt. Carmel,	2	110	60	9	7.	7	12	90				2	2	100		27	354	13	Dayton, Ohio.
Peter C. Prugh.	Germantown,	2	180	70	8		2	3	140	4		3	2	1	185		75	750	8	Germantown, Ohio.
Levi Rike, (sup.)	Elk Creek,	1	14	10					12			1		1	40		2	250	2	Middletown, Ohio.
Henry I. Comfort,	Bradford,	4	140	10			2		100					1	50				10	Bradford, Ohio.
Michael Loucks.	Valley,	2	184	75	8	4	10	7	142	4		20	5	2	150		109	1,196	18	Dayton, Ohio.
Solomon Ream.	New Madison,	4	209	61	4	1	10	5	151			6	1	4	270		64	564	10	Arcanum, Ohio.
Isaac H. Reiter, D.D.	Ed. "Chr'n World,"																			Miamisburg, Ohio.
Samuel Mease, DD(su)	Greenville,	1																		Dayton, Ohio.
Jesse Steiner	No charge.																			Millerstown, Ohio.
Thomas H. Winters.	No charge.																			Xenia, Ohio.
John Pence.	No charge.																			Tremont, Ohio.
John E. Dingledine.																				Arcanum, Ohio.
Total, 26		53	4572	1199	140	147	224	98	3678	47	6	78	65	41	3560	3	12,399	28,534	229	

*Served till August, 1881, by Rev. H. M. Herman, who commenced his pastorate at Miamisburg, September 1, 1881.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Lants	Forreston	2	127	65	4			2	126				2	1	50	1	$110	$645	2	Forreston, Ogle County, Illinois.
Joseph Sechler	Damascus	1	36	20			2		34	1			1	1	50		20	75	3	Lena, Stephenson " "
Isaac A. Sites	Freeport Mission	1	8	4				1	8								49	382	2	Columbus Junction, Iowa.
Ottmar Esselborn	Loran	1	70	51	7		8		60	4		2	2	1	25		15	450	2	Loran, Stephenson Co., Illinois.
Frederick W. Stump	Orangeville	4	124	114	15	1	3	2	96	2		6	2	4*	360		160	671	5	Orangeville, " " "
Frank Wetzel	Dakota	4	64	41	1	1	1	22	63	1		3	4	3*	130		113	527	4	Dakota, " " "
	Spring Bay †	1	75	35					75											Spring Bay, Woodford Co., Ills.
	Washburn †	1	50	40					50											Washburn, Marshall Co., Ills.
	‡ Freeport †	1	82	14	7		5	5	70	12		2	2	1	60	1				Freeport, Stephenson Co., Ills.
John Kercher 1)																				La Rose, Marshall Co., Ills.
Total, 7.		16	636	384	34	2	19	32	552	20		13	13	11	675	2	$467	$2,750	18	

1) Superannuated. † Last year's reports. ‡ Supplied by Rev. John Wernly, of Milwaukee Classis. * Union Sunday-schools.

SHELBY CLASSIS.

Jeriah S. Shade	Astoria	3	84	75	3				69				1	2	55		$17		5	Summum, Fulton Co., Illinois.
Joseph F. Butler	Shelbyville	2	76	59	3	1	2	10	67	3			2	2	100	1		$318	3	Shelbyville, "
Julius H. Shuford	Altamont	3	87	57					71										4	Altamont, "
James H. B. Lippard	Anna	4	196	118					175					5	225				5	Anna, Union Co., "
Robert F. Oplinger	Mt. Zion	2	90	65					80					2	150				5	Grove City, "
Simon P. Myers	Miss. Superintendent																			Tiffin, Ohio.
Total, 6		14	543	374	6	1	2	10	402	3			3	11	580	1	$17	$318	22	

IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Frederick C. Bauman	Harmony	1	96	95	15	2	12		90	10		2	4	1	120		$65	$297	3	Zwingli, Iowa.
Isaac A. Sites	Columbus Junct.	2	92	115		5	9		83					1	120		20	700	3	Columbus Junc. Iowa.
Dewalt S. Fouse	Tipton	4	142	101	5	2	2	3	135				6	2	178		122	870	4	Lisbon, Iowa.
David P. Lefever	Pleasant Valley	1	63	72	4				47	10			2	1	30		31	800	3	Imogene, Iowa.
John H. Buser	Coneville	3	114	90	8		2		100	5			3	2	100		50	400	1	Coneville, Iowa.
Thomas S. Land	Maquoketa	3	50	25	1				34				1	1	68		20	240	1	Maquoketa, Iowa.
John A. Smith	Boulder	3	103	90	7				80				8	2	60		25	150	1	Anamosa, Iowa.
Samuel C. Long	Wilton	1	46	45	3			2	40					1	40		33	320	3	Wilton Junc'n, Iowa.
Franklin W. Brown	Brandon	1	40	10					27					1	43		22	140	1	Brandon, Iowa.
George Rettig	Smithtown	1	40	45	24				40				4	1	30		25	250	2	Monticello, Iowa.
Jacob Kuhn	Millersburg	3	100	40	8			2	87	5			3	1	40		12	250	4	Millersburg, Iowa.
Henry Bair	Beaman	1	23	14				6	15					1	52		5	56	3	Beaman, Iowa.
George Weber*	Leighton Mission	1	12	6	1	1			12								5	200	1	Vinton, Iowa.
Henry Keller*																				Penn Hall, Pa.
Total, 14.		25	921	948	78	10	23	13	790	30		2	31	15	881		$435	$4673	30	

* Without Charge.

ST JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Fred. F. Christine	Union	3	155	75	7	1	1	11	127			1	2	80			$20	$312	12	Waterloo, Indiana.
Louis Grosenbaugh	Three Rivers	1	120	67	2		1	4	100		18	3	1	90			30	650	6	Three Rivers, Michigan.
" "	Moore Park,(sup)	1	45	20	2			1	44					12			12	250	4	" " "
Anson L. Hassler	Bunker Hill	3	150	30	4	10	11	6	104	1	2	2	3	160			96	1120	2	Pulaski, Ohio.
Scott F. Hershey	Denver	3	148	72	4	5	16	6	116	1	5	1	1	50			27	600	2	Denver, Indiana.
Jerome B. Henry	Marshall	4	210	83	9	4	4	2	171	5	13	1	4	279	1		60	929	6	Plymouth, Indiana.
Reuben Keller	Neriah	2	59	25	4	1	3		49			2	2	110			25	185	9	Erie, Michigan.
Jonas Michael	Winamac	5	194				1	3	145	41		2	4	200				390	6	Winamac, Indiana.
John D. Neff	St. Paul	2	117	106	1		4		92			1	2	129	1		21	764	6	Bristol, Indiana.
David H. Reiter	Wakeshma	2	112	25	3	2	4	6	70	1	13	1	2	90			50	600	8	Fulton, Michigan.
Elias Spangler	Farmer	1	28	9		4	9		24	2			1	55			4		1	Edgerton, Ohio.
Edwin R. Williard	White Pigeon	2	121	35	3	5	2	5	110	1	10	2	2	150			14	4900	3	White Pigeon, Michigan.
Frank C. Withoff	Bluffton	3	118		9		2	1	75				1	45				2980	5	Bluffton, Indiana.
	Zion *	2	125	65	5	1	2	2	117	1		2	2	175			35	600	3	Goshen, Indiana.
Andrew Butt	Without Charge																			Montpelier, Ohio.
Daniel Kroh	" "																			Erie, Michigan.
H. Leutzinger	" "																			Sturgis, Michigan.
Peter J. Spangler	" "																			Edgerton, Ohio.
Total, 16.		34	1702	612	53	33	60	47	1344	53		61	18	27	1635	2	$304	$14,280	73	

* Recently taken charge of by Rev. Allen K. Zartman.

CINCINNATI CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
John Heckman	Ev. Ref. Salem's	1	772	430	102		70	26	725	3	24	40	46	1	450		$300	2700	2	501 Sycamore St., Cin., O.
John Bachman	First Ref. Church	1	447	280	47		12	10	400	3			11	1	200		270	4500	5	64 Fifteenth St., Cin., O.
G. J. Reiche	Rising Sun (1)	3	150	200	27		11		145				6	3	120		15	1100	1	Rising Sun, Indiana.
Augustus Toensmeier	Ironton	1	175	105	15		12		120				1	1	110	2	70	970	1	Ironton, Ohio.
Oswald J. Accola	2d Ref. Church	1	196	150	5		5	4	140	2	1		2	1	145		150	1060	1	137 LaBelle St., Dayton, O
Anthony Seyring	Hope Church	1	99	75	6		14	12	99	3	4		7	1	77		27	525	3	1847 Eastern Av., Cin., O.
Joseph L. Schatz	Beaver Charge	6	269	231	23		7		200				11	4	150		56	1100	3	Beaver, Pike Co., O.
John G. Kuhl	Ev. Ref. Church	1	238	127	9		23	12	185					1	145		105	1030	4	Covington, Ky.
John H. Krueger	Arnheim	2	138	82	12		27	6	81			3	3	2	70		34	400	3	Arnheim, Brown Co., O.
H. A. Schwichtenberg	Zion's	1	30	20	2		1		30				1	1	70		5	300	2	Piqua, Ohio.
	Millville	2	235	115	12		10	2	200				2	2	80		40	1545	2	Millville, Ohio.
Nathaniel Ruetenik																			1	Buck Run, Adams Co., O.
Henry Hanhart																			1	Cincinnati, Ohio.
John C. Henneman																			1	Beaver, Ohio.
Total, 13.		20	2749	1815	260		192	72	2325	11	29	43	90	18	1617	2	$1,072	$15,230	30	

(1.) The Classis has divided this Charge into two, viz.: Aurora and Rising Sun. The first is served by Rev. G. J. Reiche, and the second, since October, 1881, by Rev. Augustus Guenther.

(2.) He left the Charge in September, 1881, and accepted a call to the Millville Charge, in Butler County, Ohio.

ST JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry.	Contributions Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
Fred. F. Christine	Union	3	155	75	7	1	1	11	127				1	2	80		$20	$312	12	Waterloo, Indiana.
Louis Grosenbaugh	Three Rivers	1	120	67	2		1	4	100			18	3	1	90		30	650	6	Three Rivers, Michigan.
" "	Moore Park,(sup)	1	45	20	2			1	44						12		12	250	4	" " "
Anson L. Hassler	Bunker Hill	3	150	30	4	10	11	6	104	1		2	2	3	160		96	1120	2	Pulaski, Ohio.
Scott F. Hershey	Denver	3	148	72	4	5	16	6	116	1		5	1	1	50		27	600	2	Denver, Indiana.
Jerome B. Henry	Marshall	4	210	83	9	4	4	2	171	5		13	1	4	279	1	60	929	6	Plymouth, Indiana.
Reuben Keller	Neriah	2	59	25	4	1	3		49				2	2	110		25	185	9	Erie, Michigan.
Jonas Michael	Winamac	5	194				1	3	145	41			2	4	200			390	6	Winamac, Indiana.
John D. Neff	St. Paul	2	117	106	1		4		92				1	2	129	1	21	764	6	Bristol, Indiana.
David H. Reiter	Wakeshma	2	112	25	3	2	4	6	70	1		13	1	2	90		50	600	8	Fulton, Michigan.
Elias Spangler	Farmer	1	28	9		4	9		24	2				1	55		4		1	Edgerton, Ohio.
Edwin R. Williard	White Pigeon	2	121	35	3	5	2	5	110	1		10	2	2	150		14	4900	3	White Pigeon, Michigan.
Frank C. Withoff	Bluffton	3	118		9		2	1	75					1	45			2980	5	Bluffton, Indiana.
	Zion *	2	125	65	5	1	2	2	117	1			2	2	175		35	600	3	Goshen, Indiana.
Andrew Butt	Without Charge																			Montpelier, Ohio.
Daniel Kroh	" "																			Erie, Michigan.
H. Leutzinger	" "																			Sturgis, Michigan.
Peter J. Spangler	" "																			Edgerton, Ohio.
Total, 16.		34	1702	612	53	33	60	47	1344	53		61	18	27	1635	2	$394	$14,280	73	

* Recently taken charge of by Rev. Allen K. Zartman.

CINCINNATI CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	P. O. Address.
John Heckman	Ev. Ref. Salem's	1	772	430	102		70	26	725	3	24	40	46	1	450		$300	2700	2	501 Sycamore St., Cin., O.
John Bachman	First Ref. Church	1	447	280	47		12	10	400	3			11	1	200		270	4500	5	64 Fifteenth St., Cin., O.
G. J. Reiche	Rising Sun (1)	3	150	200	27		11		145				6	3	120		15	1100	1	Rising Sun, Indiana.
Augustus Toensmeier	Ironton	1	175	105	15		12		120				1	1	110	2	70	970	1	Ironton, Ohio.
Oswald J. Accola	2d Ref. Church	1	196	150	5		5	4	140	2	1		2	1	145		150	1060	1	137 LaBelle St., Dayton, O
Anthony Seyring	Hope Church	1	99	75	6		14	12	99	3	4		7	1	77		27	525	3	1847 Eastern Av., Cin., O.
Joseph L. Schatz	Beaver Charge	6	269	231	23		7		200				11	4	150		56	1100	3	Beaver, Pike Co., O.
John G. Kuhl	Ev. Ref. Church	1	238	127	9		23	12	185					1	145		105	1030	4	Covington, Ky.
John H. Krueger	Arnheim	2	138	82	12		27	6	81			3	3	2	70		34	400	3	Arnheim, Brown Co., O.
H. A. Schwichtenberg	Zion's	1	30	20	2		1		30				1	1	70		5	300	2	Piqua, Ohio.
	Millville	2	235	115	12		10	2	200				2	2	80		40	1545	2	Millville, Ohio.
Nathaniel Ruetenik																			1	Buck Run, Adams Co., O.
Henry Hanhart																			1	Cincinnati, Ohio.
John C. Heuneman																			1	Beaver, Ohio.
Total, 13.		20	2749	1815	260		192	72	2325	11	29	43	90	18	1617	2	$1,072	$15,230	30	

(1.) The Classis has divided this Charge into two, viz.: Aurora and Rising Sun. The first is served by Rev. G. J. Reiche, and the second, since October, 1881, by Rev. Augustus Guenther.

(2.) He left the Charge in September, 1881, and accepted a call to the Millville Charge, in Butler County, Ohio.

KANSAS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Charges.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	Post-Office Address.
Abraham Bolliger	Bethany	1	63	64	3		2		48			4	1	1	40		$8	$400	2	Hiawatha, Kansas.
Daniel J. Greenwald	Sabetha	4	147	111	10	1	7	12	126				1	2	93		54	430	4	Sabetha, Kansas.
Allen R. Holshouser	Assistant																			Sabetha, Kansas.
Joseph G. Shoemaker	Emporia	1	26	30	4			3	20				5	3			5	500	1	Emporia, Kansas.
Siegfried Thomas	Turkey Creek	2	98	124	18		11	16	65	6		4	4	2	100		12	470	2	New Basil, Kansas.
Hiram Shumaker	Salina Mission	2	33	40	3				26					1	24			26	1	Salina, Kansas.
John W. Rauch	Holton	1	22	24														100	1	Holton, Kansas.
Elias Bauman	St. John's	1	67	102																Abilene, Kansas.
John A. Nicolai	Without Charge																			Abilene, Kansas.
E. F. Schorer	" "																			Twin Creek, Kansas.
Total, 10.		12	456	495	38	1	20	31	285	6		8	11	9	257		$79	$1926	11	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts for Ministry	Contributions.		Minutes.
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Miami,	1	26	53	4572	1199	140	147	224	98	3678	47	6	78	65	41	3560	3	$12,399	$28,534	229
Lancaster,	1	12	28	2544	943	101	29	131	47	2144	26		43	30	24	1480	2	941	7,765	88
Tuscarawas,	1	17	49	3225	1259	126	59	220	185	2770	50		34	56	39	3163	5	1,183	17,889	197
Tiffin,	1	19	30	2026	978	143	31	135	100	1731	30	3	35	33	23	2082	1	1,096	11 443	133
Eastern Ohio,	1	12	21	2299	1316	120	27	136	89	1952	30		57	64	17	1845	1	748	9,242	136
Northern Illinois,	1	7	16	636	384	34	2	19	32	582	20		13	13	11	675	2	467	2,750	18
Shelby,	1	6	14	543	374	6	1	2	10	402	3			3	11	530	1	17	318	22
Iowa,	1	14	25	921	948	78	10	23	13	790	30		2	31	15	881		435	4,673	30
St. Joseph,	1	16	34	1702	612	53	33	60	47	1344	53		61	18	27	1635	2	394	14,280	73
Cincinnati,	1	13	20	2749	1815	260		192	72	2325	11	29	43	90	18	1617	2	1,072	15,230	30
Kansas,	1	10	12	456	495	38	1	20	31	285	6		8	11	9	257		79	1,926	11
Total,	11	152	302	21,673	10,323	1099	340	1162	724	18,003	306	38	374	414	235	17,725	19	$18,816	$114,050	972

Total Statistical Summary of the Reformed Church in the United States, 1881.

SYNODS.																			
Synod in the United States.	9	212	438	69.183	39 918	5.372	285	3,588	1,128	53,902	527	45	345	2,464	514	40.852	39	$35,859	$238,687
Synod of Ohio.	11	152	302	21,673	10.323	1 099	340	1,162	724	18.003	306	38	374	414	235	17,725	19	18.816	114.050
Synod of Northwest.	11	158	250	24,196	16.996	1,851	42	1.237	828	18,122	289	16	399	641	205	14.029	33	12,109	90,183
Synod of Pittsburg.	5	57	125	11.594	8 541	869	66	632	410	9,912	221		138	301	103	7,779	13	7,249	58,271
Synod of Potomac.	7	132	271	27,837	18,2[illegible]9	1,808	172	1,228	574	23.132	352		122	769	235	17.641	23	15.239	105,263
German Synod of East.	5	41	40	9,186	5 695	1,712	7	612	391	7,441	60	4	171	391	42	6,674		3,665	59,990
Grand Total: Synods 6	48	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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ACTS AND PROEEDINGS

Of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in general convention in Grace Reformed Church at Akron, Summit County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the eighteenth day of October, at seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and closed its sessions on the following Monday afternoon at half-past three o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, pursuant to adjournment, convened in general convention in Grace Reformed Church at Akron, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 18, A. D. 1882, at 7 o'clock in the evening. The president, Rev. Michael Loucks, being in the chair, conducted the opening religious services, consisting of singing and reading of Scripture, and the synod was then constituted with prayer by Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Thereupon the synod proceeded to effect a permanent organization by the enrollment of its members and the election of its officers.

The synodical sermon was preached by the retiring president, Rev. Michael Loucks, on Thursday evening, from Dan. vi: 10: "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Miami.	Samuel B. Yockey.	Andrew H. Baughman.
	Henry M. Herman.	
	Joseph G. Shoemaker.	John C. Hoerner.
	James T. Hale.	Philip Frank Cost.
	William A. Hale.	William Kefauver.
	Solomon Ream.	
	Michael Loucks.	John Jackson.
	Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	
	Jesse Steiner.	
Lancaster.	John Vogt, D. D.	Jacob Klee.
	Austin Henry.	Reuben Bott.
	John R. Skinner.	
	Scott F. Hershey.	
Tuscarawas.	Sebastian C. Goss.	2 John C. Kremer.
	Silas B. Mase.	John Cully.
	1 Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.	James Bachman.
	Emil P. Herbruck.	John Weimer, M. D.
	John H. Beck.	Houston Kepler.
	Isaiah S. Hahn.	Jeremiah Dice.
	John M. Kendig.	
	Orange E. Lake.	John Shoup.
	Edward D. Wettach.	
	George W. Remagen.	Hon. T. W. Chapman.
	Albert Gonser.	John Keen.
	James H. Steel.	
	Edward M. Beck.	Martin Weimer.
	(Canal Fulton Charge)	John Ginther.
	(Canaan Charge)	3 Gottlieb Burry.
Tiffin.	Herman Rust, D. D.	
	Geo. W. Williard, D. D.	
	L. H. Kefauver, D. D.	Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.
	Amos Casselman.	
	4 Samuel Shaw.	Conrad Klahr.

1 He took his seat on Friday morning, the third day of the sessions.
2 His seat was occupied from Saturday morning to the close of the sessions by Elder John Wall, *secundus*.
3 He took his seat on Thursday afternoon, the second day of the sessions.
4 He took his seat on Friday morning, the third day of the sessions.

	Nathaniel H. Loose.	John Hilbish.
	John J. M. Gruber.	
	1 John I. Swander.	Robert Lucas.
	Jacob Ihle.	Conrad Hensinger.
	2 Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D.	
	John A. Seitz.	
	William A. Long.	
	3 John V. Potts.	4 Adam Long.
E. Ohio.	Charles M. Schaaf.	
	John J. Leberman.	John Coy.
	Milton H. Groh.	6 Samuel Worman.
	5 William A. Miller.	
	J. Huston Bomberger	Sylves. J. Rohrbaugh.
	Edward H. Otting.	
N. Illinois.	Daniel Lantz.	
Shelby.	Robert F. Oplinger.	
	Simon P. Myers.	
Iowa.	John H. Buser.	
	Franklin W. Brown.	
St. Joseph.	Fred. F. Christine.	
	Reuben Keller.	
	John D. Neff.	
	Edwin R. Williard.	
	Frank C. Witthoff.	
	Allen K. Zartman.	Jacob Pfeiffer.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From Lancaster Classis.—Elder Henry Leonard.

From St. John's Classis, Central Synod.—Revs. Jacob Dahlman, D. D., Joseph A. Keller, Frederick Strassner and George W. Henning.

From Cincinnati Classis, Central Synod.—Rev. John M. Grether.

From Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod.—Rev. Peter C. Prugh.

From Gettysburg Classis, Potomac Synod.—Rev. Henry Hilbish.

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1 He took his seat on Saturday morning, the fourth day of the sessions.
2 He took his seat on Friday morning, the third day of the sessions.
3 He took his seat on Saturday morning, the fourth day of the sessions.
4 He took his seat on Saturday morning, the fourth day of the sessions.
5 He took his seat on Friday morning, the third day of the sessions.
6 He took his seat on Friday morning, the third day of the sessions.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. J. B. Helwig, D. D., Evangelical Lutheran Church.
" J. F. Fahs, Evangelical Lutheran Church.
" T. E. Monroe, Congregational Church.
" W. A. Pearce, Methodist Episcopal Church.
" J. J. Excell, Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John Vogt, D. D., *President*, Delaware, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, O.
Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose, *Cor. Secretary*, Bellevue, Ohio.
Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Synod's Rules of Order were read by the President, and observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined to include the whole of the main Sunday-school room.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of the synod:

The Morning Sessions to open at half-past eight o'clock, and the first half hour to be spent in devotional services, and close at half-past eleven o'clock.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at two and close at five o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the president :

Religious Services—Revs. Emil P. Herbruck, Nathaniel H. Loose, Sebastian C. Goss, Henry M. Herman, and Elders Dr. John Weimer and Jacob Klee.

Synodical Minutes—Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Austin Henry, Reuben Keller, J. Huston Bomberger and Elder Reuben Bott.

Minutes of Classes—Revs. Allen K. Zartman, Dr. Herman Rust, John R. Skinner, Charles M. Schaaf, and Elders Conrad Hensinger.

Overtures—Revs. William A. Hale, James H. Steele, Orange E. Lake, Simon P. Myers and Elder Andrew H. Baughman.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination—Revs. Sebastian C. Goss, Jesse Steiner, Dr. Geo. W. Williard, Dr. Isaac H. Reiter and Elder Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

State of Religion—Revs. Michael Loucks, Edward H. Otting, Edward D. Wettach, Milton H. Groh and Elder John Jackson.

Missions—Revs. Joseph G. Shoemaker, Edwin R. Williard, John J. M. Gruber, Fred F. Christine and Elder John Hilbish.

Theological Seminary—Revs. John M. Kendig, John D. Neff, Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, Jacob Ihle and Elder John Cully.

Heidelberg College—Revs. Solomon Ream, Austin Henry, Simon P. Myers, John H. Beck and Elder John Shoup.

Sunday-schools and Catechisation—Revs. Nathaniel H. Loose, Edwin R. Williard, Geo. W. Remagen, Frank C. Witthoff, Michael Loucks and Elder William Kefauver.

Publication—Revs. Austin Henry, Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, Joseph G. Shoemaker, Dr. Geo. W. Williard, John J. M. Gruber and Elder Sylvester J. Rohrbaugh.

Finance—Revs. Amos Casselman, Henry M. Herman, Charles M. Schaaf, Dr. Geo. W. Williard and Elder John C. Hoerner.

Nominations—Revs. Edwin R. Williard, Henry M. Herman, Austin Henry, John M. Kendig and Elder John Jackson.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, Shelby, Iowa, St. Joseph and Kansas, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and Statistics, which were referred to the committee on those subjects.

2. The reports of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and of the Board of Education, together with the reports of their respective Treasurers, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary.

3. The Report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, together with that of the Financial Agent, was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College.

4. The reports of the Board of Home Missions, and also of its Treasurer, together with that of the General Missionary Superintendent, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

5. The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Church Erection was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

6. The report of the Board of Sunday-schools was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

7. The report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

8. The report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

9. Various other communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report sets forth the facts.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The synod during its present sessions, observed the following religious services:

1. *Opening and Closing.*—The synod spent the first half hour of each morning session, except on Thursday, in devotional services, and the sessions throughout were opened and closed with religious services.

2. *Report of Committee.*—The Standing Committee on Religious Services submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Standing Committee on Religious Services beg leave to present the following report:

Grace Reformed Church.—Saturday afternoon, preparatory services, sermon by Rev. J. G. Shoemaker; liturgical services by Revs. F. F. Christine and J. I. Swander. Sunday morning, communion sermon, Rev. H. M. Herman; liturgical services Revs. S. Shaw and Dr. L. H. Kefauver.

German Reformed Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. H. Rust, D. D.

Trinity Lutheran Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D.; Sunday evening, Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D.

Congregational Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. S. B. Yockey; Sunday evening, Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D.

First M. E. Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. W. A. Hale; Sunday evening, Rev. S. F. Hershey.

Second M. E. Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. E. R. Williard.

Baptist Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. J. I. Swander.

Respectfully submitted,

EMIL P. HERBRUCK, *Chairman.*

3. *Special Exercises.*—The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item eleven that the officers of synod had been chosen a committee to appoint and notify speakers to deliver opening addresses on designated topics on certain evenings during the present sessions of synod.

The Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the exercises were severally observed as appointed by the committee, the *primarius* in each case delivering the address:

The Officers of Synod, having been chosen a committee by the last synod to appoint and notify speakers to deliver opening addresses on certain topics during the present meeting of synod, would report:

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and, having secured the consent of the speakers designated, are enabled to present the following programme, namely:

FRIDAY EVENING.

Topic—"Higher Education in the Reformed Church." Prof. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D., *primarius;* Rev. Geo. H. Leonard, *secundus.*

SATURDAY EVENING.

Topic—"What may be said for, and what against Prohibition." Rev. John I. Swander, *primarius;* Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, *secundus.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

Topic—"The True Spirit of Missions." Rev. John J. Leberman, *primarius;* Rev. John M. Kendig, *secundus.*

After each of these opening addresses, the several topics may me further discussed by members of synod in speeches of five minutes. Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL LOUCKS,
ISAAC H. REITER,
AUSTIN HENRY,
JEREMIAH H. GOOD,
Committee.

4. *In Memoriam Services.*—The synod, on motion, soon after being permanently organized, adopted the following action:

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed *in memoriam* of Revs. Jacob M. LeFevre, John S. Stoner and Joseph B. Thompson, and that they submit a report to Synod.

The committee consists of Revs. Jesse Steiner, Dr. Geo. W. Williard and Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver. This committee, during the afternoon session on Thursday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The special committee on in memoriam of the deceased brethren, Revs. Jacob M. LeFevre, John S. Stoner and Joseph B. Thompson, would report, the following order of memorial services to be observed, and resolutions to be adopted by this synod—the memorial services to be held on Saturday afternoon immediately after the preparatory services, to begin with the singing of an appropriate hymn and the reading of a suitable portion of the holy Scriptures, and to proceed in the order of the priority of their several deaths:

1. That, in memoriam, of the Rev. J. M. LeFevre, Rev. S. B. Yockey be appointed to deliver an appropriate address, not exceeding ten minutes, to be followed by impomptu remarks of other brethren, each not to exceed five minutes in duration.

2. That, in memoriam, of Rev. J. S. Stoner, the Rev. E. D. Wettach inaugurate the memorial services with an address of

ten minutes, to be followed by volunteer remarks of other brethren of five minutes length.

3. That, in memoriam, of the Rev. J. B. Thompson, Dr. J. Vogt be appointed to begin the memorial services by such remarks as he may deem appropriate, not to exceed ten minutes, to be promptly followed by suitable remarks from other brethren of the some length of time named above.

The committee would also recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of this synod:

Resolved, That it is with profound gratitude to God, that our brethren in the ministry, whose death we sincerely deplore, were found at their post, and fell with the gospel armor on when their divine Master called them from their labors in the church militant to the church triumphant.

Resolved, That we not only recognize the hand of a kind and merciful God, in the early termination of their ministerial work, but heed it also as an admonition to those of us who are older, and those who are younger in the ministry, to be also ready, for in such an hour as we think not, the Son of man cometh.

Resolved, That in the death of these brethren the church has lost some of her most efficient laborers, this synod some of its most promising and faithful members, and society some of its most prominent and useful citizens.

Resolved, That this synod express its deep and earnest sympathy with those sisters with us in the same church who have lost their husbands, and those children who have been deprived of a father's care and toil, and affectionately commend them to that God who has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the orphan.

Resolved, That a copy of these memorial services and resolutions be forwarded to those families, who have been so sadly bereaved, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to publish them in the *Christian World* and *Messenger*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STEINER,
L. H. KEFAUVER,
GEO. W. WILLIARD,
Committee.

At the appointed time, the *memorial services*, being of an appropriate and impressive character, were severally observed in accordance with the recommendations, of the report of the committee, under the direction of the president, viz:

Hymn announced by the President.

Scripture read by the Stated Clerk.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard.

1. In memoriam of Rev. LeFevre: Address by Rev. S. B. Yockey, followed in remarks by Rev. J. H. Buser, Elder N. L. Brewer, Revs. Dr. I. H. Reiter, H. M. Herman, Dr. J. Vogt and S. Ream.

2. In memoriam of Rev. Stoner: Address by Rev. E. D. Wettach, followed in remarks by Dr. G. W. Williard, Elder N. L. Brewer and Rev. F. C. Witthoff.

3. In memoriam of Rev. Thompson: Address by Rev. Dr. J. Vogt, followed in remarks by Revs. J. I. Swander, Dr. G. W. Williard, Dr. I. H Reiter, W. A. Hale, Elders J. Klee and H. Leonard.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Three copies of the Minutes of the last Ohio Synod were received through the Stated Clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes. This committee, during the morning session of the second day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was received and considered item by item, and subsequently adopted as a whole:

The Committee on Minutes of Synod would report the following items as claiming the attention of the synod:

Item 1, page 37. The Board of Missions is requested to appropriate $600.00 for missionary work in Chicago, and secure a man for the work.

Item 2, page 38. The classes are requested to raise collections during the year for foreign missions.

Item 3, page 47. Special collections are to be raised in each of the congregations during the year, for the immediate use of the Theological Seminary.

Item 4, page 48. The report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College was recommitted, "with instructions to report to this synod all matters claiming our attention."

Item 5, pages 59 and 60. A committee appointed to report to this synod on the question: "What relation does a minister and delegated elder sustain to the Ohio Synod, when convened as a general convention?"

Item 6, pages 61 and 62. A committee appointed to report in regard to the proposed revised constitution of the Church, "and that the report be made the order of the day for the first morning session."

Item 7, pages 66 and 67. A committee to report on the question: "What relation does the Board of Publication sustain to the *Christian World?*"

Item 8, page 68. The Stated Clerk is instructed to have 1,300 copies of the Minutes of Synod printed.

Item 9, pages 69 and 70. An apportionment of certain amounts for different objects among the several classes.

Item 10, pages 73 and 74. The officers of synod are a committee to appoint speakers to deliver opening addresses on designated topics.

Item 11, page 76. Instruction to the Stated Clerk to tender the thanks of synod to the railroad companies.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: For action in item 1, see report of Board of Missions; items 2, 4, and 9 were adopted; item 3 was referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary; for action in items 5 and 6 see Article XX, Church Government; item 7 was adopted, and the committee submitted a report, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication, for whose report see Article XXI, Publication; items 8 and 11 were adopted and reported "attended to;" item 10 adopted, and for report see Article VII, Religious Services.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

Item 1. Kansas Classis held a special meeting December 27th, 1881, without a quorum.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Item 2. Lancaster Classis requests synod to meet as a delegated body in its annual meeting in 1883.

Item 3. Lancaster Classis requests that synod make the basis of apportionment that of communicant membership.

Item 4. Lancaster Classis requests synod to recognize Pleasantville Collegiate Institute, located within the bounds of said classis, and under its care, as an institution of the Reformed Church.

Item 5. Northern Illinois and Shelby classes request synod to dismiss said classes, to organize a new synod.

Item 6. Iowa Classis requests synod to be relieved from assessments of synod for missionary and church-erection funds, or be allowed to retain their assessments within the bounds of their classis.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

Item 7. A complaint of Rev. Jesse Richards against an action of Tiffin Classis.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

Item 8. Iowa, Kansas, St. Joseph, Lancaster, Tiffin, Northern Illinois, and Shelby classes adopt synod's action with reference to church-publications.

Item 9. All the classes took favorable action with reference to taking up collections for foreign missions as advised by synod.

Item 10. Tiffin, Miami, Eastern Ohio, Tuscarawas, St. Joseph, Kansas, Shelby, and Northern Illinois classes acquiesce in synod's apportionment for missionary purposes, etc., etc.

Item 11. Tiffin, Miami, Eastern Ohio, St. Joseph, Northern Illinois, and Shelby classes took action with reference to organizing Woman's Missionary Societies, so far as would be practicable.

Item 12. The classes with but few exceptions took favorable action with regard to the support of Orphan Homes.

Item 13. All the classes recognize synod's action relating to the preaching of sermons on the "Great Subject of Peace."

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Item 20. Northern Illinois Classis received Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D., from Miami Classis, and Rev. Joshua Wolbach from Clarion Classis.

Item 21. Lancaster Classis dismissed Rev. Jacob Klingler to Tiffin, and Rev. S. P. Mauger to Philadelphia Classis of Synod in the United States, and received Rev. S. F. Hershey from St. Joseph Classis.

Item 22. Iowa Classis received Licentiate Geo. A. House from Tiffin Classis, and dismissed Rev. H. Keller to East Susquehanna Classis.

Item 23. Kansas Classis dismissed Rev. J. G. Shoemaker to Miami Classis.

Item 24. Miami Classis received Rev. H. Shaull from Tus-

carawas Classis, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker from Kansas Classis, and Licentiate Albert A. Black from Mercersburg Classis, and dismissed him to Westmoreland Classis. Received Rev. N. W. Bloom from Eastern Ohio Classis, and ordained him. Received Rev. Ed. Herbruck from Tuscarawas Classis. Dismissed Rev. S. Mease, D. D., to Northern Illinois Classis. Licensed E. M. Beck, and dismissed him to Tuscarawas Classis. Dismissed Rev. Jesse Steiner to St. Joseph Classis. Examined, licensed, and ordained Wm. H. Shults and Geo. H. Souder.

Item 25. St. Joseph Classis dismissed Rev. S. F. Hershey to Lancaster Classis. Received Rev. A. K. Zartman from Tiffin Classis, and Rev. W. G. Hackman from Shelby Classis, and Rev. A. H. Leiss from Lebanon Classis of the Synod in the United States.

VI. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSIS.

Item 26. Miami Classis meets at North Hampton, Thursday before full moon, in May (17th), 1883, at 7:30 P. M. President, Rev. W. A. Hale; Stated Clerk, Rev. H. M. Herman; Treasurer, Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.

Item 27. Lancaster Classis meets at Colfax, Fairfield Co., Ohio, first Thursday on or before full moon in May, 1883, at 7:30 P. M. President, Rev. Austin Henry; Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. Geo. H. Leonard.

Item 28. Tuscarawas Classis meets in Navarre, Ohio, first Thursday evening in June, 1883. President Rev. J. M. Kendig; Stated Clerk, Rev. E. P. Herbruck; Treasurer, Hon. T. W. Chapman.

Item 29. Tiffin Classis meets in Bloomville, third Thursday in August, 1883, at 7:00 P. M. President, Rev. J. J. M. Gruber; Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. J. H. Good.

Item 30. Eastern Ohio Classis meets in Columbiana, Ohio, first Thursday after first full moon in May, 1883, at 7:00 P. M. President, Rev. C. M. Schaaf; Stated Clerk, Rev. J. J. Leberman; Treasurer, Rev. M. H. Groh.

Item 31. Northern Illinois Classis meets in Cedarville congregation, Orangeville charge, in August, 1883. President, Rev. D. Lantz; Stated Clerk, Rev. F. W. Stump; Treasurer, Rev. J. Sechler.

Item 32. Shelby Classis will meet in St. Pauls Church,

Shelby charge, Shelby County, Illinois, on the third Thursday in August (16th), 1883, at 7:30 P. M. President Rev. J. H. Lippard; Stated Clerk, Rev. J. S. Shade; Treasurer, Mr. John Runkel.

Item 33. Iowa Classis meets in Brandon, Iowa, first Thursday in October, 1883, at 7:30 P. M. President, Rev. I. A. Sites; Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. D. S. Fouse.

Item 34. St. Joseph Classis meets in Colon, Michigan, first Thursday in June, 1883, at 7:30 P. M. President, Rev. E. R. Williard; Stated Clerk, Rev. L. Grosenbaugh; Treasurer, Rev. R. Keller.

Item 35. Kansas Classis meets in New Basil, Kansas, on the first Thursday after Pentecost, in 1883, at 8 o'clock in the evening. President Rev. H. Shumaker; Stated Clerk, Rev. D. J. Greenwald; Treasurer, Fred. Isely.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN K. ZARTMAN, *Chairman.*

The following disposition was made of the report: Item 1 was adopted, and, in view of the peculiar circumstances, the classis was excused, and its actions of said meeting confirmed; the requests in items 2, 3, and 6 were not granted; for report in item 4 see Article XXIV, Miscellaneous; for action in item 5, see Article XX, Church Government; for action in item 7, see Article XIX, Complaints. All the other items, running from 8 to 35, inclusive, were adopted.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was received, and, after being considered item by item, was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Overtures beg leave to report the following:

Item 1. Is an appeal for aid from the St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa., by the Trustees through the Superintendent, Rev. P. C. Prugh.

Item 2. Is a letter from Rev. J. B. Kniest, under the direction of the German Synod of the East, relative to a proposed monument to the memory of Olevianus.

Item 3. Is a letter from Rev. John Gantenbein, of Portland, Oregon, calling the attention of synod to page 28, item 8, and page 168 of the Minutes of the General Synod, 1881, having reference to the Gelbach Church Extension debt.

Item 4. Is a letter from Rev. S. Mease, D. D., in which he, first, asks to be excused from attending synod, and second, directs the attention of synod to his publication, "*The Chrysostomian*."

Item 5. Is a letter from Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., asking to be excused from attendance upon synod.

Item 6. Is a communication from the Ohio Womens' Christian Temperance Union.

Item 7. Is a copy of the *Church Register* published by Rev. M. Loucks.

Item 8. Is a copy of the *Little Pearls* published by the Reformed Publishing Company at Dayton.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. HALE, *Chairman*.

The report was disposed of as follows: For action in item 1, see Article XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; for action in items 2 and 6, see Article XXIV., miscellaneous; for disposition of item 3, see Article XIII., Missions; in item 4, on motion, first, Rev. Dr. S. Mease was excused for non-attendance, and second, the *Chrysostomian* was commended to the favorable notice of ministers and laymen; item 5, excused for non-attendance; item 7, synod reiterated its action of last year (*Minutes 1881, page 72*); item 8 was referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechisation.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application was made in behalf of Rev. John V. Potts, an ordained minister of the Sandusky Conference of the Church of United Brethren in Christ, having expressed a desire, if the way could be opened satisfactorily, to be received into connection with the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church. On motion, he was referred to the Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, with the view of examining his papers and having a conference with him in regard to

his doctrinal views. This committee, during the afternoon session on Friday, October 20, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would respectfully report:

First—No application for Examination, Licensure and Ordination came before the committee.

Second—The committee has had an interview with Rev. John V. Potts, of the U. B. Church, a regularly ordained minister of said church, referred to this committee as an applicant for reception into the ministry of the Reformed Church, and after a full and free inquiry in regard to his doctrinial views and motives in desiring this change, beg leave to say that the examination was satisfactory, and that we accordingly recommend his reception, upon his signing the constitutional formula.

On motion,

Resolved, That Rev. John, V. Potts be referred to the Tiffin Classis, and that his name be entered by that classis on its roll of ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. GOSS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Roports, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Dear Fathers and Brethren—Time hurries us onward like a resistless and unremitting stream, and we are again sensibly impressed that another year has been numbered with the past. Every thing of good or evil which has transpired during this period, is recorded in the history of the world and is carefully written in the records of the great Judge of all the earth. For all this we shall give a faithful and true account before God; and hence it is with sadness as well as gladness that a year's doings may be reviewed.

We carefully endeavored to gather the gems of truth and words of comfort from the reports on the state of religion and

morals within the bounds of the several classes composing this synod. It would be impossible to give an extended view here of the actual condition in each classis, but we endeavor to present the facts as they are, in common.

1. The first and important feature is the universal acknowledgement of God's great goodness and mercy vouchsafed to the respective portions of the church. Every where the spirit of thanksgiving and praise for the mercies of the past year is manifest. Nothing is more becoming than the acknowledgement of God's care and the feeling sense of his nearness.

An expression of gratitude ascended from all the classes for the measure of success that has crowned their labors, and for the evidence of prosperity in their midst. Joy ascended from every sanctuary for the saving power of God's word in the conversion of sinners and in the comfort of saints. Though in some places clouds and sunshine intermingled, and sickness and sorrow depressed, yet each seems comforted to know that beyond all this is the silver-lining and the golden sunlight of heaven. Though the number of additions is not so great as might be expected, yet there is joy to know that the work of grace is moving silently and steadily in the church, which will finally diffuse itself through the whole body. As one of the reports says, "Though assailed from without, and annoyed from within with indifference, yet evidence is not wanting that the Lord of Hosts is with us to fight our battles for us." That the church is extending is seen from additions made to older congregations, and a number of new congregations have been organized with bright prospects before them. The missionary work in the various classes has been faithfully prosecuted, so that the missionary fields are mostly supplied with the stated means of grace, all which are cheering indications of the gradual growth and advancement of the church.

2. Coupled with this external evidence of prosperity is also the internal, which becomes apparent from the way and manner in which the ordinances and sacraments of the church are esteemed. In most reports is seen an increased reverence and regard for the Lord's Supper and baptism. Only in proportion as these are regarded have we a healthy developement in the Christian life. Hence, as most reports speak flatteringly in regard to this, we are justified in concluding that a deeper

piety and spirituality pervade the church. Some complain of a growing indifference in some localities, respecting the baptism of infants and the attendance of children upon the means of grace and catechetical instruction.

3. Notwithstanding that some complain of this indifference the majority of the reports are encouraging, and speak of a growing interest in this branch of Christian activity. The hope may be expressed that where catechetical instruction is a thing of the past it may be speedily resurrected and faithfully prosecuted. One report very aptly says, "The church that properly cares for and feeds the lambs, will always have sheep in the fold." Another report says, "We have been pained to note the apparent neglect and disregard to the rule of the church to catechise and indoctrinate the youth according to our honored custom."

4. The prayer-meetings seem every where to receive more general patronage, and the family altars are becoming more numerous. These are cheering evidences of spiritual advancement.

5. The Sunday-school is receiving more attention, the importance of the work for the upbuilding of the church in this way, forcing itself upon the minds and hearts of the pastors and people. Through this door many have been gathered into the church. This truly is a means to a glorious end, and every available opportunity should be taken advantage of to advance the interest of this cause.

Sunday-school conventions have been organized in most classes, and are accomplishing great good. In other portions of the church there needs to be a great revival in order to become thoroughly awake to the demands of the hour.

6. Benevolence is in a healthy condition generally, though if we would particularise, some might hang their heads with shame. The spirit of benevolence is evidently laying a deeper hold upon the minds and hearts of God's people. Hence, for the advance that has been made, we must be thankful, and trust that God in his wise providence may open the eyes of the *benevolently* blind, that they may see the vast fields of usefulness where their means might accomplish much in the salvation of man and in the christianization of the world.

7. Educational matters are receiving due attention. Not only is our own college well supported and encouraged, but

ommendations of said classis. Its prospects are reported as highly flattering, and it is hoped that assistance will not be required after the first year. Two congregations, 89 members.

8. *Neriah, Mich.* Appropriation, $50; vacant. Under care of St. Joseph Classis.

9. *Freeport, Ill.* Appropriation, $300. Rev. F. W. Brown accepted a commission to this field early in the summer, but after residing there awhile expressed a desire to be relieved. This was granted, so that the mission is vacant. The mission began under the auspices of Northern Illinois Classis, and was by it transferred to the Board. The prospects are not flattering, and it is a question whether it ought to be continued, unless some arrangements can be made to assist in the erection of a house of worship. If this could be done, then those acquainted with the field are of opinion that it is a point as hopeful as any other city of equal size. Its continuance depends entirely an future exploration, and a willingness on the part of the people to lay hold of the enterprise.

10. *Altamont, Ill.* Appropriation, $100; pastor, Rev. J. H. Shuford.

This is in a growing condition. The pastor reports, progress, even amidst circumstances unfavorable to the interests of the mission. Houses of worship have been improved, and additions are being made to the membership.

11. *Holton, Kansas.* Appropriation, $500; Rev. H. Shumaker, pastor.

Bro. Shumaker was transferred from Salina to this point Has an organization in Holton, with prospects favorable for the establishment of other points in the vicinity. Help will be needed to erect a house of worship ere long, which, it is hoped, will be extended by the church.

12. *New Basil, Kansas.* Appropriation, $100; Rev. A. Bolliger, formerly of Hiawatha, pastor. Rev. S. Thomas, former pastor, went to a new point, further west in Kansas, and the New Basil Mission earnestly besought Rev. Bolliger to come to them. He thinks that a year or two longer help will render it a self-supporting charge. One congregation, —— members.

13. *Lyons, Kansas.* Appropriation, $300; Rev. A. R. Holshouser, pastor. This is part of what was formerly

known as Salina Mission. Bro. Shumaker, who labored in the field for several years, regarded Lyons as the most prominent and hopeful point. For this reason the missionary was transferred to Lyons. It is hoped that new organizations will be effected, and thus the mission strengthened. The pastor is now engaged in gathering funds to erect a church. One congregation, twenty members.

14. *Kentland, Ind.* Appropriation, $200; Rev. William From, pastor. This is also a new mission organized by the Superintendent of Missions. The prospects are reported as hopeful. One congregation is organized and one or more will be, it is hoped, during the coming year. One congregation, sixteen members.

Brown County Mission, Kansas, reported last year, with an appropriation of $150, has become self sustaining. Hiawatha and Wathena, former missions of the Board, have also become self-sustaining. On account of reconstruction of these two charges, whereby three instead of two pastors will be employed, a part of this field may be taken as a new mission center. The congregations of the charge are extended over four counties in two States. The congregations in Nemaha Co., Kan., and one or two in Nebraska, will constitute a charge as now. Hiawatha, by the incorporation of a country point, will be alone, and will require services in German and English. Wathena, in Doniphan Co., Kan., will thus be left to be provided with a pastor. The work in Northeastern Kansas, the original mission ground in the State, seems, on the whole, in a hopeful condition.

Ft. Wayne, Ind. In accordances with repeated instruction from synod, we tried faithfully to organize an English mission in this city. Explorations were made with satisfactory results. Calls were extended to several brethren, but with no acceptance. Quite a number more were written to, but up to this time we have failed. Whilst various reasons are assigned, the Board feels that one great obstacle in the way of securing experienced pastors to enter that work lies in the inadequate support offered. The Board appropriated $600 for the first year—a less amount that congregation might pay. In one instance the figures were placed at $700. But we fear that more must be given if we are to enter into city work with any degree of success. We are impressed with the necessity of

entering into several of our large cities, and as men and means are found we hope to do so.

Another obstacle in the way is in the want of houses of worship. A mission can not long exist in rented halls or in the occasional use of houses belonging to sister churches. A house must soon be furnished. This is always a source of much trial to a mission struggling for existence. When the church shall help the Board of Church Erection, so that help may be extended in the erection of buildings, then we shall be able to advance as we have been doing heretofore.

What has been said concerning Ft. Wayne, is applicable to Cleveland, Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville, all of which have been brought to the attention of the Board, either by synod or from other sources. How soon we shall occupy these cities, and in so doing rescue not only our own material, but much from the world—depends, we presume, entirely on the interest the church takes in missions.

Finances. It affords us pleasure to be able to report that as a rule the missionaries have received their appropriations as they became due. This much at least ought to be given them. If we can not give them what justice seems to demand we onght at least to be prompt in paying what is promised.

The income for the year shows a decided falling off. Last year the receipts from all sources amounted to $3,820.97: this year only to $2,894.18. Certainly this ought not to be. With a field constantly increasing there ought to be no diminution in our charities.

Counting upon the present basis of apportionments the Board will require no less than $4,000. This assumes the supply of the missions now vacant, the proposed mission in Ft. Wayne, and the salary and traveling expences of the Superintendent. If new points are to be occupied much more must be provided.

We recommend that synod take such action as will bring the matter prominently before the people, and also that such

amount as synod may deem prudent be apportioned among the various classes.

Our work is slowly arriving at that point towards which synod has been directing its steps for a number of years. We refer to the concentration of missions under the care and general oversight of your board.

Two more classes, during the year, have dissolved their boards and have transferred their missions to our care. Another, though not we believe formally dissolving its board, is doing its work through us. Only one yet remains which retains control of their mission work. Whilst this transfer has occurred, several classes have wisely maintained mission committees, by whose advice we have frequently been guided. This seems right, and we trust will result in good. Our opertions during the year have been exceedingly pleasant, because of the harmony and good feeling prevalent among all with whom we labor.

Some little difficulties have arison from the various methods of keeping account of funds. As a considerable portion is paid to missions through classical treasurers, without rendering an account to synod's treasurer, it is feared that, perhaps, inaccuracies may arise for which our treasurer can not be made responsible. It is hoped, however, that all these matters will adjust themselves speedily as we proceed.

Concerning the superintendent and his work we respectfully refer synod to his report.

We have also to announce that the terms of Rev. S. C. Goss and Elder R. Bell expire at this synod.

The overture from Iowa Classis to the last synod and referred to the Board of Missions (see page 36) was not brought before the Board in such a way as to enable us to act. The missions have been taken under the care of the Tri-Synodic Board. In behalf of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG,

President of Board.

2. *Report of Treasurer of Home Missions.*

REV. JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

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Moneys received from Octobee 20, 1881, to October 20, 1882.

October 20, 1881. Cash on hand	$229 49	
Miami Classis	526 14	
Lancaster Classis	450 03	
Tuscarawas Classis	338 00	
Tiffin Classis	301 98	
Eastern Ohio Classis	483 00	
Northern Illinois Classis	50 39	
Shelby Classis	29 40	
St. Joseph Classis	108 27	
Kansas Classis	26 98	
Iowa Classis	24 35	
Landisburg, Pa., Rev. H. T. Spangler	63 24	
Mrs. Mary Hobaugh, Landisburg, Pa	20 00	
Rev. G. W. Henning	10 76	
A friend of missions	25 00	
Rev. S. P. Myers	17 40	
Ursinus Union, Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D	200 00	
Rev. H. Hilbish	35 00	
Daniel Keen	3 00	
Kentland Mission, Rev. S. P. Myers	6 02	
		$2,948 45

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Rev. S. Mease, D. D	10 00	
Rev. H. Shumaker	458 39	
Rev. J. H. Shuford	130 03	
Rev. Robt. Bell	6 00	
Rev. C, M. Schaaf	8 00	
Rev. J. J. Leberman	8 45	
Rev. S. P. Myers	1,210 54	
Rev. S. Thomas	62 28	
Rev. J. G. Shoemaker	12 01	
Rev. A. Bolliger	77 00	
Postage, exchange, etc	10 45	
Rev. A. A. Black	50 00	
Rev. A. R. Holshouser	75 00	
Rev. F. W. Brown	115 00	
Rev. J. V. Lerch	50 00	
Expended by Lancaster Classis	206 93	
Rev. J. M. Kendig	7 50	
Rev. Wm. From	6 02	
Expended by Miami Classis	154 32	
Rev. R. Keller	50 00	
		$2,782 92
Cash on hand	165 53	
		$2,948 45

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

3. *Report of Superintendent of Missions.*

Venerable Fathers and Dear Brethren:—In the providence of God I have been permitted to labor another year in the capacity of your Superintendent of Missions.

During the last year the interest in missions has been gradually increasing, and with this growth of interest the responsibilties and labors of the work have also developed themselves.

As pastors and pastoral charges came forward in the missionary work, and suggested plans, it naturally would devolve on me to assist in maturing these plans and suggestions in such a way as to have them result in something tangible to the work. A very large part of this work was of such a nature that it took time and energy, while it can not be brought into the compass of a report.

The greater part of the year was spent in exploring new mission-points, and settling pastors over them, encouraging those points already explored and having pastors, and building up broken-down congregations.

POINTS RECEIVING ATTENTION.

I began the work for the past synodical year at Lima, Ohio. Near the close of last synodical year I gave this place some attention, and arranged to have regular preaching there by two students of the senior class from the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, and placed the mission under the pastoral care of Rev. J. J. M. Gruber. I soon learned that this would not work. Their preaching was acceptable, but it became evident that there must be pastoral work connected with the labors in the pulpit. This these brethren, situated as they were at school, could not give; and Bro. Gruber's pastoral labors in his own field were so great that he could not give it attention. After trying in vain for some time to secure a man to take charge of that mission, I found it necessary to take charge of it myself. I served as regular pastor of the mission for seven months, preaching every Sabbath, with a few exceptions. During this time I gathered a membership of fifteen—all heads of families, save two. I organized a Sunday-school, which has a regular attendance of about twenty-five.

There is considerable material which may be made available to the mission in the course of time. The consideration in the

minds of this material is, they wish to wait and see whether the mission will succeed. If the work is pushed forward so as to warrant a permanent success, we can depend on this material.

The Presbyterians have very kindly given us the use of their mission-chapel, free of charges.

In connection with Lima I served Hume, a small village eight miles from Lima. Here we had an organization of ten members. During the seven months I received four more, making in all fourteen. The services were held in a school-house.

This will make a membership, in the entire mission of twenty-nine. In June the Licentiate W. A. Long, of the senior class of the seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, was commissioned as the missionary to this mission, with an appropriation of $300.

Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Learning that there was a demand for an English mission at this place, I visited it in February, and learned that there was quite a demand for an English congregation. Some of the members desiring the creation of an English interest, had already taken steps toward creating one. Finding it judicious to wait and see the development of the plan, I did so. In the latter part of March I visited the place again, and found things were working quite well. The English membership demanded an English Sunday-school, and English services at a regularly appointed time.

In the latter part of April I visited the place for the third time, and found the Sunday-school in operation, with an attendance of about seventy-five, and arrangements made for English services under the direction of an English consistory. The English services are supplied by the regular pastor, Rev. E. D. Miller.

I am under many obligations to the pastor, Bro. Miller, for the kindness and hospitality with which he treated me while on my visits to this place.

Zion's Bloom. This is a congregation once belonging to the Heidelberg charge. Learning that this charge was without a pastor, I visited them, and found that Rev. J. J. M. Gruber had taken charge of the Salem congregation which was only six miles from Ada, Ohio, while the Zion's Bloom congregation still remained unprovided for. The congregation has a neat frame church-house, free from debt and well furnished.

In connection with this congregation I visited a point east of Carey, known as the Berry School-house, and found it a good place to start a congregation. Rev. T. J. Bacher has preached at this point ever since

I also visited Carey, and found that we have some prospects here. These three points would form an excellent mission. Taking Carey as a center, it would be six miles to Zion's Bloom, and five miles to Berry's School-house. These three points could raise about $300 toward the support of a pastor. The difficulty in the way of placing a man here has been the want of a proper man.

Somerset, Ohio. This is a point in Lancaster Classis, and is well known to many of the brethren of the synod. Lancaster Classis has called my attention to this mission. In the latter part of May I visited these people, and preached for them. I found a good church, with a small debt of about $250 resting on it. The people were anxious to have regular preaching. In July I visited the mission again, and held a series of meetings, closing with the communion. I held a congregational meeting, and urged upon them to unite with the Jerusalem Mission. This they opposed on the ground that such an arrangement would make the work too heavy for one man. After further urging it, I succeeded in gettirg their consent. Since then they have been regularly supplied by Rev. J. R. Skinner, of Bremen, Ohio.

Jerusalem Mission. When the Somerset Mission was attached to the Jerusalem Mission, with the view to be served by their pastor, the Jerusalem Mission objected. I found it necessary to visit the Jerusalem Mission, which I did. I found them laboring under a wrong impression. When I succeeded in getting them to understand the true nature of the arrangement, they agreed to it.

The Jerusalem Mission has made commendable progress under the faithful pastoral labors of Rev. J. R. Skinner. They have purchased a good parsonage in the town of Bremen, Ohio, at a cost of $800, and have it paid for.

Paulding County Mission. This mission has been organized for some time. I can not give its early history. I visited this point the latter part of June and met the joint consistory which was just arranging to call the Licentiate A. F. Krout of Pennsylvania, to become their pastor. Brother Krout served

them on week-days, and preach for them, in case a congregation is organized. In the near future I expect to visit the place again, and bring about an organization if the way is open.

Freeport, Illinois. This mission was under the direction of Northern Illinois Classis for a number of years. Lately it was taken under the direction of the Board. Rev. F. W. Brown was commissioned as missionary last June, and entered upon the work at once. I visited this field and found that Bro. Brown had done all he could do; but owing to the fact that the mission had no suitable place of worship, the mission being unable to secure one, and there being no funds available in the treasury of the Board of Church-Erection, with which to build a chapel, he deemed it his duty to tender his resignation. In the nature of the case, I recommended the acceptance of his resignation by the Board, which was done.

Kentland, Indiana. This is a new mission, situated in Newton County, Indiana, and is composed of two points—one in the country about six miles from Kentland, and the other in the town of Kentland, which is the county seat of Newton County. The point in the country is organized, and has a membership of fifteen, and holds services in a church-house of a sister denomination, free of rent. In the town there is no organization, but there is good material which will be organized into a congregation in the near future. At this place the services are held in the Presbyterian church, which is at the present time without a pastor. The church is used free of rent; and in addition to this they promised to give us their sympathy, and encourage us in the support of our pastor.

The Licentiate Wm. From is serving this field with great acceptance. The point in the country will erect a church-house in the near future. The town does not stand in need of one with the present arrangements. The mission pays $30 toward the support of Bro. From. This mission has very fair prospects before it.

Altamont, Illinois. This mission has been in successful operation during the past year under the pastoral care of Rev. J. H. Shuford. They have repaired two of their church houses, at a considerable cost, and have added to the member

ship. I visited the mission, and gave Bro. Shuford all the assistance he needed.

Taylorville, Illinois. This place is the county-seat of Christian County, Illinois. I visited this place, and found that we have quite a number of members here who should be taken care of in the near future. They are men of wealth and influence. What the available material outside of this membership is, I am not prepared to say, but think it good.

PASTORAL CHARGES VISITED.

During the year I visited the following pastoral charges, and made collections: Port Jefferson, Basil, Thornville, Stoutsville, Union, Liberty Center, Mt. Olivet, Springfield, Forreston, Orangeville, Shelbyville, Altamont, Mt. Zion, and Damascus. The amount collected in these charges, has been reported to the treasurer of the Board, and will appear in his report to this synod.

At the suggestion of the Board I attended the annual meetings of the following classes, and presented the claims of missions: Miami, Lancaster, Tiffin, Northern Illinois, and Shelby.

At all these meetings the cause of missions received the proper attention and encouragement.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

These societies have been carried forward with a commendable zeal in many of the pastoral charges within synod's bounds. Much good has been done by these societies, and they should be encouraged. Proper steps should be taken, by which they might be organized into classical Woman's Missionary Societies, and thus open the way for still greater usefulness. The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Reformed Church of Dayton has pledged itself to support the Paulding County Mission with an appropriation of $150. They have more than half of the money raised, and unquestionably will be good for the balance.

Since at the meeting of this synod, I received a letter from Rev. G. H. Leonard of the Basil charge, pledging his charge to support a mission at an appropriation of $150.00.

In the way of a general report I will say the past year has been one of hard work, and the usual difficulties attended it.

To work new fields, to put old and broken down fields on foot, and to give the cause of missions encouragement in a general way, is no small matter. While to you it may have seemed slow work, to me it was a hard and difficult task.

During the past year I have used *The Missionary Sentinel*, to a good advantage in my work. In reply to its visits I have received much cheering news.

The spirit of missions has increased at a commendable rate within synod's bounds during the past year. Much good has been done, but much more remains yet to be done. We have much material in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, which has no attention. The West is also before us. In the nature of the case we must provide the means of grace for the membership we have throughout this territory, or lose them from our ranks.

Much credit is due many of the brethren of this synod for the assistance they rendered me in my labors during the past year. I have been kindly received wherever I have been.

In conclusion I will say that God has been very gracious to me in my labors, to whom I commend the further prosecution of this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON P. MYERS, *Superintendent.*

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4. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Erection.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Erection of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church.*

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 18, 1882.

1881. DR.

Oct. 19.	To balance in the Treasury	$[illegible]
" 27.	" Rev. R. Keller, Treasurer St. Joseph Classis, synodical apportionment	[illegible]
" 31.	" Rev. M. Loucks, Valley charge, for Greenville church	17 [illegible]
Nov. 9.	" Rev. M. F. Frank, Farmersville charge, for Greenville church	[illegible]
" "	" Mr. Geo. F. Wentz, Valley charge, for Greenville church	[illegible]
" "	" Rev. B. F. Tucker, Port Jefferson charge, for Greenville church	[illegible]
" "	" Mr. V. P. Van Horne, First Church, Dayton, Greenville church	100 [illegible]
" "	" Rev. J. T. Hale, Fairfield charge, for Greenville church	75 [illegible]
" 14.	" Mr. A. H. Baughman, Xenia charge, for Greenville church	74 [illegible]
" 16.	" Rev. G. W. H. Smith, Cæsar Creek charge, for Greenville church	[illegible]
" "	" Dr. T. V. Lyons, Tr. Miamisburg church, for Greenville church	1 [illegible]
Dec. 19.	" Dr. J. H. Good, Tr. Tiffin Classis, synodical apportionment	21 [illegible]
	Amount forward	$1,0[illegible]

1882.		
	Amount brought forward	$1,071 75
Feb. 9.	To Rev. R. Keller, Tr. St. Joseph Classis, synodical apportionment	43 85
" 13.	" Dr. G. W. Williard, for church erection cause	10 00
April 12.	" Rev. S. P. Mauger, Tr. Lancaster Classis, synodical apportionment	33 00
May 23.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, synodical apportionment	29 20
" 27.	" Rev. M. Loucks, Valley charge, for Greenville church	22 72
" 29.	" Jacob Dingledine, Tremont cong., for Greenville church	19 61
" "	" Rev. J. T. Hale, Fairfield charge, for Greenville church	4 97
June 26.	" " " " " " " "	10 00
" 27.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, synodical apportionment	25 00
Sept. 7.	" " " " " " " " "	21 80
Oct. 4.	" Rev. Dr. D. Winters, Mt. Zion charge, for Greenville church	38 73
" "	" Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, West Alexandria charge, synodical apportionment, 1881	1 80
" "	" Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis, synodical apportionment	2 42
" 11.	" Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr. E. O. Classis, synodical apportionment	21 52
" 13.	" Rev. Dr. L. H. Kefauver, First Church, Tiffin, synodical apportionment	12 66
" 16.	" Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer Lancaster Classis, synodical, apportionment	19 79
" 18.	" Rev. Jacob Ihle, Zion charge, Tiffin Classis synodical apportionment	4 00
" "	" Rev. J. I. Swander, Fremont charge, Tiffin Classis, synodical apportionment	3 33
		$1,396 15

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Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 18, 1882.

1881.		
Nov. 21.	By cash to Frank Alter on mortgage claim on Greenville church	$1,000 00
1882.		
Feb. 7.	By cash for recording transfer of mortgages on Greenville church	50
May 8.	" " to Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, on note, Heidelberg College	158 45
" 29.	" " to Rev. J. T. Hale, as percentage as agent	97
June 22.	" " to Treasurer Theol. Sem., on note of Trustees of Miami Classis	80 00
Oct. 10.	" " to Treasurer Theol. Sem., on note of Trustees of Miami Classis	50 00
" 13.	" " to Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, interest on note of Heid. Col.	60 00
" "	" " for stationery, postage and exchange	3 45
" 18.	" " to Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, interest on note of Heid. Col.	42 78
		$1,396 15

RECAPITULATION.

Of the $787.61 received during the past year, not including the balance of $608.54 on hand, $289.40 were in payment of the synodical apportionment in behalf of the claim of Heidelberg College, and $498.21 for the Greenville church debt paid by Miami Classis.

It may be added that, since Miami Classis assumed the debt on the Greenville church in 1879, and now through its Trustees

legally holds the property in trust for the congregation, the classis has raised for this purpose during each of the past four synodical years the following amounts: In 1879, $145.21; in 1880, $195.40; in 1881, $297.46; in 1882, $498.21, making a total of $1,136.28. The debt, which in the aggregate was $2,380, has been reduced within the last year $1,130, with the prospect of liquidating the balance in two years.

The several synodical apportionments of the church erection debt assumed by the synod in 1875, and being in favor of Heidelberg College, has been paid only in part. It is therefore deemed important to give a re-statement thereof, together with the amounts paid and unpaid, and thus bring the whole matter in an intelligent manner before all whom it may concern, and stir up the "pure mind" of delinquent classes to meet the requirement of synod.

CLASSES.	APPORTIONMENTS.			Total.	Paid.	Unpaid
	1879	1880	1881			
Miami	$200 10	$30 00	$23 00	$253 10	$30 32	$222 78
Lancaster	107 00	22 00	13 00	142 00	88 62	53 38
Tuscarawas	128 70	25 00	17 00	170 70		170 70
Tiffin	91 10	20 00	11 00	122 10	124 76	
Eastern Ohio	104 25	18 00	12 00	134 25	122 52	11 73
Northern Illinois			3 00	3 00		3 00
Shelby			3 00	3 00		3 00
Iowa			5 00	5 00		5 00
St. Joseph	68 85	15 00	9 00	92 85	83 85	9 00
Cincinnati		70 00	14 00	84 00		84 00
Kansas			3 00	3 00		3 00
	$700 00	$200 00	$113 00	$1,013 00	$450 07	$565 38

It is very desirable, as well as important, that all delinquent classes put forth earnest efforts to settle all arrearages, and thus enable the Treasurer to pay the interest due Heidelberg College.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions submitted their report, which was received, discussed, amended, and, with the foregoing reports, adopted. It is as follows:

Your committee respectfully reports that the reports of the Board, Treasurer, and Superintendent of missions, together with that of the Treasurer of Church-Erection, have been referred to it, and in the main are encouraging, and give evidence of progress made in their respective departments during the past year.

From these reports we learn that the Board has under its care fourteen missions. It has established two new ones, and several others are being worked up with the view of locating missionaries. One mission became self-supporting during the year, while several others will become so in the near future. While the Board has been hampered in its work for want of suitable men and means, it has yet been able to pay her missionaries promptly. The field is large and ever-widening, and demands from your body more earnest thought and sincere consecration to the work. For further details your body is respectfully referred to the respective reports.

Your committee offers for your consideration the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That while we recognize the earnest work done by the Missionary Superintendent this last year, yet inasmuch as the funds for our missionary work are now secured by the apportionment system of synod through the classes upon the congregations; and inasmuch as the present missionary receipts do not warrant such a large expenditure as is necessary to maintain a missionary superintendent; and inasmuch as the most pressing necessity now upon us is to fill some of these important points already open to us, and where a missionary must be established soon if at all; therefore, we recommend the discontinuance of the Missionary Superintendent for the present, and that we request the Board of Missions to commission the present superintendent to such missionary field as may be mutually and satisfactorily determined between them.

2. *Resolved*, That every classis be and is hereby instructed to look after and work up missionary interests in its own bounds with the greatest possible zeal and efficiency; and that all the classes be instructed to appoint missionary committees to work with the Board of Synod, and that in such classes where there are no such committees at present, the officers of said classes are hereby constituted the missionary committee, until one is duly appointed by each classis itself.

3. *Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be directed to apportion the sum of $4,000.00 among the different classes of synod.

4. *Resolved*, That the classes be directed [illegible] their ap-

duction in the rate of interest, and some unexpected losses beyond the control of the Board of Trustees, it has become impossible for the Board to pay the professors their salaries with any degree of promptness.

The Board is very anxious to pay these salaries, (1) because they wish to meet promptly every obligation of synod, which is a religious body, and should set an example in promptly paying its debts; (2) because they wish properly to recompense the professors for their labors, "as the laborer is worthy of his hire;" (3) because the deficiency ought not to be allowed to grow, lest it may embarrass the synod hereafter. The matter was duly considered by the Ohio Synod at Miamisburg, in 1881, and the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That *special collections be taken in each congregation during the year*, for the present use of the Treasurer of the seminary, and the Trustees of the seminary be authorized to appoint an agent to increase the endowment.

We desire now to call the attention of *each and every pastor* to this synodical action. In united action there is strength. If each pastor will present the cause to each of his congregations, the deficiency can easily be met. The work should be commenced at once, and be finished in all the congregations within the bounds of synod *before* the close of the year, or at farthest by the next annual meetings of the classes.

With respect to the increase of the endowment, the Board has not yet been able to decide on the best method of raising it. We suggest to the pastors that possibly they may be able to find some liberal-minded members who will donate $500 or $1,000. This would save the trouble of employing an agent. If this can not be done, the Board will have to try and secure the services of an agent, according to the action of synod.

Now, believing that you have the interest and welfare of the Theological Seminary at heart, and that the membership of the church will be ready to respond if the matter is properly presented, we ask you to act promptly; and after taking up collections in your congregations, send the amount, be it large or small, to the treasurer, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Miamisburg, Ohio. By order of the Board.

H. M. Herman, *President*.

G. G. Prugh, *Secretary*.

A statement of the facts in the case was also published in the *Christian World* by the Treasurer. But, sad to relate, after all the efforts put forth, out of 128 charges with 302 congregations reported at last meeting of synod, only 10 charges including nineteen congregations have responded to the request of synod, by paying in the total $132.20. This sum is entirely inadequate to meet the just claim of the professors' salary.

The endowment fund, because of certain losses, is too small, and should be increased $10,000 to $15,000. The interest accruing from the present available invested funds, which at most do not exceed $22,000, because of the losses referred to, is insufficient. Hence the imperative necessity of raising collections for immediate use, until the endowment fund is materially increased. The financial condition is in a pitiable condition—a dishonor to the Church.

If the Synod will not make provision for the support of the professors, the seminary had better be closed. As it is, it is a promise to pay, without any intention of fulfilling the promise.

The treasurer has been efficient in his endeavors to pay the professors' salary as it became due. To this end he wrote about one hundred and fifty letters during the past year, stirring up delinquents and urging the importance of raising collections. But without giving him the control of an adequate amount of funds, neither he, nor any other financier, can meet this just claim of the professors.

Now, what will the synod do in the premises? Will it adopt measures to meet the contingencies? Discussions and resolutions are useless unless we intend to act, and act promptly. A crisis is at hand. Will this synod avert it? Or shall the professors be starved out and the seminary abandoned?

There is now due, October 1st, 1882, Professor J. H. Good $912.54 and Professor H. Ruist $910.58, with no funds to pay them. There is eloquence in these figures. If the seminary is to continue and go forward in the work assigned it, then it must be better sustained by the Church. Either the endowment must be increased $10,000 or $15,000, or a sufficient amount be secured by special collections. One or the other must be done if we would keep the seminary in operation and save the Church from disgrace.

The following vacancies in the Board occur at this synod: Rev. W. A. Hale and Elder Andrew H. Baughman.

The Board would offer the following suggestions for adoption:

1. That synod renews the request made at the synod of Miamisburg, and urge upon every pastor the importance of doing his full duty in this particular.

2. That synod at its next annual meeting call the roll, and thus ascertain who the faithful ones are.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *President.*

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2. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board.*

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., *Treasurer in account with the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, at Tiffin, Ohio.*

Moneys received during the synodical year ending October 18, 1882.

1881.		DR.	
Oct. 28.		To cash from Wm. H. Simms, assignee of D. Winters	$33 15
Nov. 1.		" Dayton city bonds, semi-annual interest	280 00
"	2.	" George Spitler, Erie, Mich., interest on note	6 00
"	"	" Rev. Dr. S. B. Leiter, Wadsworth, O., interest on note	12 00
"	9.	" Christian Gross & Bro., Philadelphia, Pa., interest on note	60 00
"	10.	" John Royer, Flat Rock, Ohio, interest on note in full	6 00
"	12.	" M. E. & J. Eshliman, Columbus Grove, O., interest on note	96 00
"	15.	" N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, O., interest on note	80 00
"	"	" Prof. J. H. Good, Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	7 50
"	19.	" Joseph Slough, Delaware, O., interest on note	12 00
"	"	" Prof. H. Rust, donation for immediate use	25 00
"	23.	" Jacob V. Prugh, Dayton, O., interest on note in full	9 00
"	25.	" Thos. L. Prugh, Dayton, O., interest on note	4 50
"	26.	" William Huber, Millville, O., interest on note	1 51
Dec. 10.		" John Strock, Shelby, O., interest on note	6 00
"	19.	" Miamisburg church, collection for immediate use	6 33
"	"	" Salem cong. per Prof. J. H. Good, for immediate use	4 00
"	"	" Basil charge, per Rev. G. H. Leonard, for immediate use	10 00
"	28.	" Valley charge, per Rev. M. Loucks, for immediate use	5 17
"	"	" Mt. Zion charge, per Rev. Dr. D. Winters, for immediate use	11 12
1882.			
Jan. 4.		" First Church, Tiffin, per Dr. Kefauver, for immediate use	8 00
"	11.	" Mast & Albert, Murray, Ind., interest on note	3 90
"	12.	" John Zollinger, Forreston, Ill., interest on note	12 00
"	14.	" John Myers, Forreston, Ill., interest on note	11 50
"	25.	" John Wiest, Freeburg, Pa., interest on note	30 00
Feb. 1.		" Farmers Fr. M. Co., Dayton, O., intrest on money borrowed	219 93
"	9.	" Saml. K. Epler, Lasalle, Mich., interest on note	5 88
"	15.	" Prof. J. H. Good, Tiffin, O., interest on note	76
March 23.		" John Zollinger, Forreston, Ill., interest on note in full	2 50
Amount forward.			$969 77

		Amount brought forward,	$969 75
April	1.	" Geo. F. Medlar, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	1 50
"	11.	" Jacob Gephart, Miamisburg, O., interest on note	1 50
"	14.	" First Church, Dayton, O., per Jas., C. Reber, Tr., immediate use	25 00
"	17.	" St. Jacob's cong., per Prof. J. H. Good, for immediate use	2 10
May	1.	" N. L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, O. interest on notes	80 00
"	"	" Albert H. Bruennert, Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	60 00
"	"	" Henry Hubach, Tiffin, O., interest on money borrowed	16 00
"	4.	" Jacob Urschel, Miamisburg, O., interest on money borrowed	10 00
"	5.	" Springboro cong. per Rev. Reichard, for immediate use	5 00
"	17.	" St. Paul's charge, per Rev. J. D. Neff, for immediate use	2 26
"	29.	" Germantown church, per P. C. Prugh, for immediate use	5 00
"	"	" Jacob Rust, Dialton, O., interest on note	12 00
June	12.	" Samuel Crist, Royalton, Ohio, interest on note	6 00
"	27.	" Bascom cong., per Prof. J. H. Good, for immediate use	5 94
July	15.	" Jacob Sullivan, Rock Grove, Ill., interest on note	3 00
"	27.	" Daniel Wampler, decd., W. Brookfield, O., interest on note	3 00
Aug.	10.	" Fostoria charge, per Rev. A. Casselman, for immediate use	4 00
"	14.	" Benj. Kuhns, Dayton, O., interest on note	18 00
"	"	" Farmers Fr. M. Co., Dayton, O., interest on money borrowed	162 00
"	18.	" Chr. Gross & Bro., Philadelphia, Pa., interest on note	30 00
"	25.	" Jacob Swope, Astoria, Ill., interest on note	1 50
"	"	" Jacob Schifferly, Bluffton, O., interest on note	7 50
"	28.	" Amos Bricker, Astoria, Ill., interest on note	4 50
Sept.	6.	" Daniel Frantz, Dakota, Ill., interest on note	3 00
"	7.	" L. H. Diehl, Summum, Ill., interest on note	12 00
"	11.	" Rev. F. W. Berleman, Philadelphia, Pa., interest on note	3 00
"	12.	" Joseph Slough, Delaware, O., interest on note	6 00
"	13.	" John Wiest, Freeburgh, Pa., interest on note	30 00
"	26.	" Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., Tiffin, O., interest on notes	80 00
Oct.	2.	" George Spitler, Erie, Mich., interest on note	3 00
"	4.	" Rev. Dr. D. Winters, Dayton, O., collection for immediate use	5 03
"	11.	" M. E. & J. Eshliman, Columbus Grove, O., interest on note	96 00
"	13.	" Rev. Dr. John Vogt, Delaware, O., collection for immediate use	8 25
"	18.	" Rev. Dr. S. B. Leiter, Wadsworth, O., interest on note	6 00
"	"	" John Strock, Shelby, O., interest on note	6 00
			$1,723 83

Moneys paid out during the synodical year ending October 18, 1882.

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By deficit in the Treasury	$6 41
Paid Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., on salary	819 57
Paid Prof. H. Rust, D. D., on salary	862 75
Paid Rev. Wm. J. Shuey, for printing circulars	1 75
Paid for 100 catalogues of Heidelberg College and Seminary, 1882	10 00
Paid for collection and exchange on J. Zollinger's note	50
Paid for stationery and postage during the year	7 50
By balance in the Treasury	15 35
	$1,723 83

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1881. DR.

Oct.	19.	To balance in the Treasury	$1,111 90
"	28.	" cash from Wm. H. Simms, assignee of D. Winters	232 17
Nov.	1.	" " on seven Dayton city bond in full	7,000 00
"	10.	" " on note of John Royer in full	100 00
		Amount forward,	$8,444 07

	Amount brought forward	$8,444 07
Nov. "	" " " " Prof. J. H. Good in part	252 50
" 23.	" " " " Jacob V. Prugh in full	50 00
" 26.	" " " " William Huber in full	25 00
1882.		
Jan. 4.	" " " " John Myers in full	50 00
Feb. 15.	" " " " Prof. J. H. Good in part	29 80
March 4.	" " " " Prof. J. H. Good in full	17 70
" 23.	" " " " John Zollinger in full	200 00
June 22.	" " " " Henry Hubach (Veon) in full	200 00
" "	" " " " Trustees of Miami Classis for Greenville church	80 00
Sept. 11.	" " " " Rev. F. W. Berleman in full	25 00
Oct. 10.	" " " " Trustees of Miami Classis for Greenville church	50 00
		$9,424 07

FUNDS INVESTED.

1881.	CR.	
Nov. 15.	By loan to Geo. W. Shearer, Dayton, Ohio	$800 00
" 21.	" " " Trustees of Miami Classis	1,380 00
" 23.	" " " Joseph S. White, Centerville, O	5,000 00
Dec. 17.	" " " Farmers Friend Mfg. Co., Dayton, O	1,800 00
1882.		
Oct. 18.	To balance in the Treasury	644 07
		$9,424 07

There was due and owing to the professors on salary, on the 1st of October 1882, and for the payment of which prompt and adequate provision should be made by synod, the following amounts: Prof. J. H. Good, D. D., $912.54, and Prof. H. Rust, D. D., $910.58, making a total of $1,823.12.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER. *Treasurer.*

MIAMISBURG, OHIO, October 18, 1882.

3. *Report of Board of Education.*

The Board of Education respectfully offer the following as their annual report:

The Board was reorganized by electing its former officers; namely, Rev. R. Good *President*, and Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., *Secretary* and *Treasurer*. During the last synodical year it received under its care for support Frederick Mayer, Francis M. Shults and George W. Dornbach. These, in connection with Rufus C. Zartman, David A. Parks, William H. Tussing, Frank S. Houser, Jacob P. Stahl, and George E. Metger, constitute the list of beneficiary students. Four of these are prosecuting their studies in the Theological Seminary, four in Heidelberg College, and one in the Academy. Their moral conduct and studious habits commend them to the patronage of the church.

But a small amount of the $2,000 apportioned to the classes at the last meeting of the synod, with the view of enabling the Board to cancel its indebtedness, has yet been realized. This may be owing, in part, to the fact that the apportionment did not reach the classes in an official way before the time of their annual meetings which were held last spring. Yet this does not fully excuse the delinquency we complain of. And the Board hereby calls the attention of the synod again to its wants, which will be met if the action of one year ago be enforced. The Treasurer's report will show to what extent the wishes of the synod were carried into effect.

The Board takes pleasure in stating that the professors in the Theological Seminary are deeply interested in their work, notwithstanding the number of students is not as encouraging as it might be. This is owing doubtless in a large measure to the fact that the ministers do not present to the youth of the church the claims that the gospel ministry has upon them. There is, however, but little falling off in the number of last year.

Isaiah N. Burger, George C. Gerlach, Francis M. Shults and John D. Thomas, graduates of Heidelberg College, and Nero S. Peters, John C. Schaaf, Frederick Mayer, and W. F. Harpster were received as students into the seminary, at the beginning of the present seminary year. These, in connection with Frank S. Houser, Samuel L. Runkel and Rufus C. Zartman, constitute the roll of students in the seminary at the present time. The Board at their own request regularly dismissed Edward M. Beck, John L. Bretz, Willlam From, George A. House, William A. Long, George W. Remagen, John A. Seitz, George H. Souder, William H. Shults, and John F. Winter, after having stood an approved examination in the studies laid down in the curriculum of the seminary. All the students were examined in the various branches taught in the seminary, in the presence of the Board, by the professors, nearly all of whom acquitted themselves to the entire satisfaction of the Board. We again commend this school of the prophets to the church, and ask for its teachers the moral and material support they deserve, with the hope that a generous response will come from all quarters of the church.

The members of the Board, whose term expires at this meet-

ing of synod, are Revs. L. H. Kefauver, D. D., Samuel Mease, D. D., Nathaniel H. Loose, and Austin Henry.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Secretary.* REUBEN GOOD, *President.*

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4. *Report of the Treasurer of Board of Education.*

REV. L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

CONTINGENT FUND.

DR.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

To cash from Valley ch'g per Rev. M. Loucks	$20 00		
" " " Germantown congregation per Rev. P. C. Prugh	5 00		
" " " Rev. I H. Reiter, D. D., Treasurer of Classis	89 81		
		$114 81	

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

" " " Rev. S. P. Mauger, Treasurer of Classis	135 25		
" " " Rev. G. H. Leonard, Treasurer of Classis	199 53		
		334 78	

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

" " " Hon. T. W. Chapman, Treasurer		190 00	

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

" " " Fremont ch'g per Rev. J. I. Swander	8 00		
" " " Liberty Center ch'g per Rev. A. E. Baichly	11 00		
" " " Helena ch'g per Rev. L. B. C. Lahr	11 66		
" " " First Church, Tiffin, per Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D.	18 00		
" " " Ada ch'g per Rev. J. J. M. Gruber	5 35		
" " " Bellevue ch'g per Rev. N. H. Loose	18 00		
" " " Fostoria ch'g per Rev. A. Casselman	13 50		
" " " Zion's ch'g per Conrad Hensinger	24 00		
		$109 51	

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

" " " Rev. R. Keller, Treasurer		89 98	

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

" " " Dakota ch'g per Rev. F. Wetzel	10 00		
" " " Orangeville ch'g per Rev. F. W. Stump	15 00		
" " " Damascus ch'g per Rev. J. Sechler	7 00		
" " " Mr. G. E. Metger	10 00		
		42 00	

MISCELLANEOUS.

" " " Rev. D. J. Meese, money refunded	80 00		
" " " Prof. J. Calvin Shumaker, money refunded	10 00		
" " " Emanuel congregation, per Rev. E. D. Miller	10 00		
" " " a Christian friend per Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard	5 00		
" " " a Christian friend per Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard	5 00		
" Christmas-gift by a friend per Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard	25 00		
" Interest on the Miss Sarah Brinker bequest,	82 93		
" " " the Miss Sarah A. Hivling bequest	84 00		
" " " Carson bequest per Dr. G. W. Williard	26 76		
		$[illegible]	
Whole amount received		1209 [illegible]	

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By amount due Treasurer October 18th, 1881	40 81	
" cash paid to beneficiary students	979 40	
" " " interest on money borrowed	47 78	
" " " for postage, etc	1 25	
Whole amount paid out		$1069 24
Belance in treasury		140 53

INDEBTEDNESS.

Money borrowed two years ago to meet appropriations to beneficiary students	275 00

PERMANENT FUND.

DR.

To bequest of the late Miss Sarah A. Hivling	1000 00	
" amount of bequest of Miss Sarah Brinker	804 86	
" " " interest from the Miss Hivling bequest	84 00	
" " " interest from the Miss Brinker bequest	82 93	
		$1971 79

CR.

By certificate of twenty shares of Columbus & Xenia R. R. stock	1000 00	
" loan to Rev. M. Mueller	804 86	
" cash paid contingent treasury	166 93	
		$1971 79

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

We have received for examination reports of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary, the Treasurer of same Board, the Board of Education, and the treasurer thereof, and recommend their adoption.

From these documents we learn that nine students are receiving financial aid in the prosecution of their studies, in the college and seminary; that eleven students are attending the seminary; that a class of ten were graduated from the seminary last May, nearly all of whom are in the work of the ministry; that the professors of the seminary are deeply interested in the work of teaching our students for the ministry. All these are facts that ought to bring deep and earnest feelings of gratitude to our hearts, and encourage us to press on in our support of this school.

Not so encouraging are some other statements. Thus we are solemnly warned that there is a decided falling off in candidates for the ministry; that the funds for which synod legislated last year for beneficiary education have not been forthcoming as they ought to be; and especially that there is an alarming deficit in the income of the Board of Trustees of the seminary.

In regard to the support for the Board of Education your committee would remind the synod of its action last year, ordering an annual apportionment of $2,000 for their use. The treasurer is of the opinion that if this be continued their wants will be met. We therefore recommend that this amount be again apportioned.

Much more serious is the deficit reported by the Trustees of the seminary. Your committee have meditated seriously upon this point. The deficit is now $1,823.12.

At this rate it is impossible to continue. The deficit is accounted for by the lower rates of interest at which the Board is compelled to invest its funds, by the synod's reduction of $3,000 on the original amount of sale of the "Students' Home" property, and by certain losses of funds arising from a few unfortunate investments. Greater care is now exercised by the Board in accepting securities for funds loaned, so that no danger is apprehended in the future. But this does not meet the present deficiency.

To assist in liquidating the debt, your committee suggest the following:

1. That an apportionment of the sum of $2,500 be made among the various classes.

2. That the Stated Clerk of synod give immediate notice to the presidents of the several classes of such apportionment, with instructions to said presidents that they bring the matter before the pastors in their respective classes at as early a date as possible, so that the congregations may have opportunity to contribute for the immediate use of the seminary.

3. That the Committee on Finance be and hereby is instructed to make such apportionment of $2,500.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. *Board of Trustees.*

Rev. Henry M. Herman, *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Henry M. Herman.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Mr. Andrew H. Banghman. Rev. Michael Loucks.

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2. *Board of Education.*

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. John I. Swander, Rev. Orange E. Lake.
Rev. Silas B. Mase. Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Sebastian C. Goss. Rev. Reuben Good.
Rev. Michael Loucks. Rev. David Winters, D. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D. Rev. Amos Casselman.
Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose. Rev. Austin Henry.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The following reports were received and considered by synod:

I. THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees.*

The Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College would respectfully report to the synod:

That the educational work of the college is progressing favorably, the attendance of students being about the same it

has been for several years past. Nine gentlemen and one lady were graduated at the last commencement of the college. The present senior class is the largest we have thus far had. The number enrolled in the college is a little larger than usual. while that of the academy is somewhat less, which may be attributed to the usual variations that occur in this respect.

The conduct of the students, as reported by the faculty, has been commendable, there having been nothing that occurred to call for the exercise of discipline during the year.

The board has been compelled to exercise the greatest economy in regard to the finances of the college so as to provide for the current expenses. The endowment is not sufficient at the present rate of interest to meet the annual expenditure of the college, the consequence of which is that some things which ought to be done, and some improvements which ought to be made, are not attended to. There is reason, however, to hope for an improvement in this respect in the future as the finances of the college are slowly getting into a better shape.

Nothing has been done during the year to increase the endowment as the efforts of the president and agent have been with special reference to the new building, which is for the present the most pressing interest, and should be provided for before anything else is undertaken. The board feels grateful to the church for the liberality thus far evinced in reference to the project of the new building towards which about $15,000 have been subscribed by the church at large, and hopes the full amount of the $25,000 will soon be secured. We are also glad to give the assurance that the city of Tiffin will raise the $15,000 expected of it in a short time, so that the prospect now is that the erection of the new college building, so much needed, will soon be begun.

The board would again call the attention of synod to its indebtedness which amounts to about $1,000 interest on the money borrowed for the benefit of the Hamilton church. which ought to be paid at once.

The board has done the best it could with the funds at its command to make the college in the facilities it offers for obtaining a good liberal education equal to most of the other colleges of the state, and takes pleasure in presenting its claims to the church as worthy of its hearty support, and liberal patronage. There is no reason why the attendance of

students should not be much larger than it really is, if all the friends of the college would exert themselves, as they should in its behalf. The membership of the Reformed Church in the West is yearly increasing, so that the number of students in our college should also increase. A cordial and united effort to place the college on a sound, financial basis and add to its efficiency and usefulness would, no doubt, be attended with the happiest results, and should be sought for by all its friends. Respectfully submitted,

N. L. BREWER, *Treasurer.* GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President Heid. Col.*

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2. *Report of the Financial Agent.*

This year again my experience has been varied, sunshine and clouds. In the main, however, I have found our members glad to see and entertain the "fisherman," and as a general thing willing to contribute for the new college building. Those who refused to give were the exception. Then, the best of all, I had uninterrupted good health.

It is now almost twenty-six years since I entered upon this work, and I have learned that this giving of our substance to the Lord's cause in the right spirit is as much a gift or grace, as it is to pray acceptably to our heavenly Father. I have heard earnest ministers say, "If I could only once get my people to see and realize that what they give to the Lord's cause, that is, for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom at home and abroad, that it is given out of love to God and his cause." Yes, only then can the giver realize the force of the Savior's words that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

My labors this year were almost exclusively devoted to receiving subscriptions for the new building, with the exception of hunting up delinquents. In this work I was compelled, mainly, to canvass a territory that had been previously fished by the president, Dr. Williard, or myself.

I am glad, too, to report that the plan of raising the means from the Sunday-school children and young people, that is, to purchase the "brick placed in the wall," meets with favor. I have already the amount subscribed (and partly paid in) that will place one hundred and twenty-six thousand and three hundred "bricks in the wall" (126,300.) But it will now read-

ily be seen that we must have larger donations soon if we expect to begin to build the coming spring. It is well known that our people have the means, and many are abundantly able to give one hundred dollars, and some three hundred, and even five hundred dollars. How easily this could be done, if the will was there.

I would be glad if all the ministers in our church, especially the alumni, would talk up this matter with their wealthy friends and members to give liberally to this great work.

I traveled during the year 3,395 miles. Total miles traveled since the 22d day of January, 1857, ninety-three thousand five hundred and sixty-six miles, (93,566).

HENRY LEONARD, *Financial Agent, in account with Heidelberg College.*

DR.

Received scholarship notes "New series," from No. 1 to 43, including one pledge (verbal) No. 4	$3,800 00
Received notes and subscriptions for general building fund, including the contributions for "brick" from the Sunday-school children and young people, from No. 1 to 1,447, October 14, 1882	2,677 00
Small crumbs from the children and old folks	17 65
Interest in advance for one year on note No. 20	3 00
	$6,497 65
Collections on old notes and interest paid over	2,781 58
	$9,279 23

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Handed over notes (New series)	$3,800 00	
Collections on old notes and interest paid	2,781 58	
For traveling expenses during the year	53 27	
" postage	20 49	
" attorney fees	10 00	
		$6,665 34
Balance of subscriptions, notes and money in the hands of agent		$2,613 89

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY LEONARD, *Agent.*

AKRON, OHIO, October, 1882.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College submitted their report, which was received and together with that of the Financial Agent adopted. It is as follows:

Respected Brethren—The following facts are gleaned from papers coming into the possession of the committee. "The

educational work of the college is progressing favorably," and it seems to be done as well and as thoroughly as in most other institutions of a similar character. The number of students in attendance is well up to the average of other years—the number matriculated in the college this year being somewhat greater, and that in the academy somewhat less. The number to graduate at the coming commencement willl be the largest in the history of the college. The conduct of students during the year seems to have been commendable. The Board of Trustees urges upon the church the claims of the college as being worthy of its hearty support.

In the matter of finance the board has been compelled to exercise the greatest economy in order to meet the current expenses of the institution. This is attributed to the fact of a shrinkage of interest on the endowment fund which of itself is altogether too small. Neither has anything been done during the year to increase the endowment, as the efforts of the president of the college and the financial agent have been turned in another direction. There is reasons to hope, however, that in this respect an improvement will be made in the future. To this end the committee respectfully suggests that as the general agent has been largely successful in gathering in the "crumbs," he make still more vigorous efforts in the future to gather in the loaves as well.

The prospective college building is, for the present, the most pressing interest claiming synod's attention. That such a building is needed is hardly questioned by any one. Forty thousand dollars is the amount named with which to erect it. Of this amount about fifteen thousand dollars has already been subscribed by the church at large, whilst the city of Tiffin also gives assurance that the amount of fifteen thousand dollars, expected from it, will be raised in a short time. As about ten thousand dollars are still expected from the church at large, to meet the full amount, we reiterate synod's action of last year in "recommending the project to the prayerful consideration and liberal patronage of the church."

The Board of Trustees again calls the attention of synod to its indebtedness, which amounts to about one thousand dollars interest on money borrowed for the benefit of the Hamilton church. In view of this indebtedness to the board, be it therefore

Resolved, That as $500 were apportioned last year, there be $500 more apportioned this year by the Finance Committee among the several classes.

Respectfully submitted,

S. REAM, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose, *Secretary*, Bellevue, Ohio.
Nelson L. Brewer, Esq., *Treasurer*, Tiffin, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Herman Rust, D. D.	Mr. Lewis Keller.
Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D.	Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.
Rev. William A. Hale.	Mr. William E. Schmertz.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	Hon. Thos. W. Chapman.
Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	Upton F. Cramer, Esq.
Rev. Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.	Geo. P. Williard, M. D.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. Henry M. Herman.	Mr. Robert Bell.
Rev. John Vogt, D. D.,	John Weimer, M. D.
Mr. Benjamin F. Myers.	Hon. Warren P. Noble.

Members whose term expires October, 1886.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Rev. Michael Loucks.
Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose.	Mr. John Hilbish.
Rev. Sebastian C. Goss.	Rev. David Winters, D. D.

ARTICLE XVI.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

.1 *The St. Paul's Orphans' Home.*

During the afternoon session, on Thursday, the Committee on Overtures reported in item 1 that, through the superintendent, the Trustees of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home, at Butler, Pa., appealed to synod for pecuniary support. Then the superintendent, Rev. Peter C. Prugh, being present, made

a statement of the condition, working and needs of the home. The appeal and statement were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. William A. Hale, Henry M. Herman and Samuel B. Yockey. This committee, during the morning session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to take into consideration the claims of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home, at Butler, Pa., would respectfully offer the following report:

The only document placed in the hands of your committee is an appeal from the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

The superintendent of the home, Rev. P. C. Prugh, presented the claims of the institution by an address before this body. The committee would recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That we express our unbounded confidence in the efficiency of Rev. P. C. Prugh as superintendent, and assure him of our hearty support and encouragement in his labors of love.

Resolved, That synod commend to the congregations and Sunday-schools the importance of this department of church work, and that one collection be taken up annually for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. HALE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Board of Sunday-schools of the Ohio Synod would submit their seventh annual report:

The important work intrusted to your Board is rightly regarded as one of the most effective and valued auxiliaries in church-work. The ablest pens and energies are used to promote the efficiency of the Sunday-school, so as to make it what its founders intended it to be—the means of training the children for the church. The family, the Sunday-school, and the church are the honored instruments in God's hands for the evangelization of the world. This we believe is the motive that

sions, or in their Sunday-school conventions, as shall secure monthly benevolent collections, if possible, from every Sunday-school within the bounds of this synod.

6. That in the future one evening of the sessions of synod be set apart in the interests of Sunday-school work.

7. That we recommend that, so far as practical, catechetical classes be conducted by the pastors of our churches in our Sunday-schools..

8. That the report of synod's Board be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

N. H. LOOSE, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Henry M. Herman. Rev. Richard B. Reichard.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. George H. Leonard.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. Emil P. Herbruck. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

ARTICLE XVIII.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, during the afternoon session on Friday reported in item 7 that a complaint had been made by Rev. Jesse Richards against an action of Tiffin Classis. This was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Lewis H. Kefauver, Jesse Steiner, Dr. Herman Rust, and Elder Andrew H. Baughman. This committee, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, appointed to report on item 7 in the report

on classical minutes, which has reference to a complaint of Rev. Jesse Richards against an action of Tiffin Classis, beg leave to report:

That the complainant is not present, neither in person nor by any counsel, to prosecute his case, and consequently, in accordance with Article XXX. of the constitution, "must be considered as abandoned."

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Rev. Henry M. Herman, *President*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
Mr. Gideon G. Prugh, *Secretary*, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Treasurer*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Rev. Henry M. Herman.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey. Mr. Gideon G. Prugh.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Mr. Andrew H. Baughman. Rev. Michael Loucks.

RELATION OF MINISTER AND DELEGATED ELDER TO SYNOD, ETC.

During the morning session of the second day of the sessions, the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, in item 5, reported that a committee had been appointed to report to this synod on the question: "What relation does a minister and a delegated elder sustain to the Ohio Synod, when convened as a general convention?"

Thereupon this committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed by synod during its annual meeting in 1881, to report in regard to the question, "What relation does a minister and delegated elder sustain to the Ohio Synod when convened as a General Convention," would submit the following report:

According to Article 59, of the Constitution, a synod consists of the ministerial and lay delegates of the several classes embraced in its prescribed geographical limits or district. According to Article 60, a synod constituted (or organized for work) may be constituted by delegates elected in accordance with Article 59, or may be composed of all the ministers within its bounds and one elder from each pastoral charge.

It seems plain, therefore, that in both cases (whether composed of delegates elected by the classes, or of all the ministers and one elder from each pastoral charge) the ministers and elders are the representatives of the classes, and that the relation of the synod to them is precisely the same in both cases. It is simply a question of a large or a small delegation; and it is simply a difference in the manner of election, not in the matter of representation. In other words, by the action of the previous synod all the ministers and chosen elders are by the constitution made delegates for that particular case, instead of a limited number elected by the classes. Therefore, we say, the relation of the synod to them must be the same in both cases.

Now it is a conceded principle in all parliamentary practice, that a body (in this case the synod) has the right to judge of the qualifications of its own members, to give them leave of absence, to excuse them when they can not attend, etc. At the same time it must be admitted, that the ministers and delegated elders owe it as a duty to the classes they represent to be prompt in attendance, and in case of failure they lay themselves open to censure from the body they represent.

In order to establish a uniform rule that shall cover both these principles, we recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That when the synod is convened in general convention it is the duty of all the ministers, and all the delegated elders to attend; and if circumstances prevent them from doing so, it is their duty to forward their excuses to the synod thus convened, and this body has the power to decide in respect to the same.

Resolved, That where there are absentees who have neglected to forward their excuses, the synod (convened in gen-

eral convention) shall refer their names to the respective classes and consistories for such action as may be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes, during the the morning session on Thursday, in item 6, reported that a committee had been appointed to report on the proposed Revised Constitution of the Reformed Church, "and that the report be made the order of the day for the first morning session." Accordingly, this committee submitted the following report, which was received, discussed, and adopted:

Your committee, appointed one year ago to examine the proposed new and revised constitution of the church, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. We recommend that the Ohio Synod respond to the request of the General Synod by saying that it is decidedly opposed to all that part of the proposed new constitution which involves *annual* instead of *tri-ennial* meetings of the General Synod, for the following reasons:

a. Largely increased expenses would thereby be imposed upon the church. For example, the synod held at Tiffin cost the treasury $1,805.70. The 239 members at an average of $10 each, $2,390. This makes a total of $4,285.70. Hence, every three years there would be an increased expenditure of at least $8,000 over present expenditures.

b. It would tend to diminish the interest and value of the district synods, which are now efficient and have most important interests committed to their care.

c. It would involve an unnecessary amount of absences on the part of pastors from their charges.

2. We are also just as decidedly opposed to the election of the delegates by the synod, instead of the classes, for the following reasons:

a. We can think of no good, solid reason for such a change.

b. It will tend, more than the present mode, to throw the election of delegates under the influence of parties, and to de-

prive a large number of ministers from ever being elected delegates to the General Synod.

c. Just as in the state, the members of congress are not elected by states, but by single districts, so the principle seems to us sound, that the delegates to the General Synod be elected by the smaller judicatories.

3. We are also just as decidedly opposed to those parts of the new constitution which propose to concentrate the work of the church in boards appointed by the General Synod. While we think it might be judicious to place the great work of home and foreign missions in the hands of boards appointed by the General Synod, in respect to other departments of church-work, as publication, education, seminaries, colleges, etc., we think the change would be disastrous, and lead to endless differences and difficulties.

Finally, in respect to the new constitution as a whole, while we regard it as a great improvement on the present one, yet we respectfully request the General Synod not to adopt it, nor to submit it to the classes for adoption, before it has been carefully revised by a competent committee, nor until the above very objectionable features have been eliminated.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. KEFAUVER.
J. I. SWANDER
LEWIS KELLER.
Committee.

REQUEST OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS AND SHELBY CLASSES.

The Northern Illinois and Shelby classes, as reported by the Standing Committee on Overtures, in item 5, during the morning session on Friday, requested synod to dismiss them, to organize a new synod.

On motion, after some discussion, the subject matter involved was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Geo. W. Williard, Dr. Herman Rust, Jesse Steiner, and Elder Nelson L. Brewer. This committee, during the morning session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received, and as amended adopted:

The special committee to whom was referred the request of Northern Illinois and Shelby classes to be dismissed from this

synod to organize themselves into a synod, would respectfully recommend, as the proper disposition of the request here referred to, that so soon as the proper constitutional number of classes for the formation of a new synod be reported, the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD.
JESSE STEINER.
HERMAN RUST.
NELSON L. BREWER.
Committee.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The following reports were received and considered by synod:

I. REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Board of Publication would beg leave to offer the following report:

The Board held a meeting in the office of the *Christian World*, Dayton, Ohio, when the following officers were elected: President, Rev. P. C. Prugh; Secretary, Rev. H. M. Herman. At a meeting held at Tremont City, May 26th, 1882, Rev. H. M. Herman was elected Treasurer; and steps were also taken looking toward the incorporation of the board.

At the meeting of March 14, 1882, Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., tendered his resignation as editor of the *Christian World*, assigning as the reason for so doing that he had sold his interest in the paper to Rev. M. Loucks, A. M., and desired to place the entire publication interests into the hands of the new firm. The resignation was accepted, and a resolution, expressive of appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Reiter for his efficient services rendered as editor of the *Christian World*, was adopted.*

*With the view of preserving the facts and transactions, historically, the resignation of Rev. Dr. Reiter and the action of the Board of Publication are here annexed in a foot-note; namely,

RESIGNATION.

To the Board of Publication:

DEAR BRETHREN:—About two years since the Board of Publication intrusted me with the editorship of the *Christian World*, and that ac-

tion was afterward unanimously confirmed by the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church, and very generally indorsed by the people. My constant aim and effort have been during this time to do faithful and honest work, however far short I may have come in the practical execution thereof. The duties and labors of the position are much to my taste and liking, though the required work at times proved rather heavy for me physically; and as on the 8th of February I disposed of my interest in the paper with the view of opening the way for starting a printing establishment, I now desire to give back the trust committed to me.

I therefore hereby tender my resignation as editor of the *Christian World* to the Board of Publication, and through it to the Ohio Synod, to take effect April 1st, 1882.

In returning to the board and the synod the interest committed to my charge, I am pleased to be enabled to state that the *Christian World* is entirely *free* from debt, has become more firmly established in the affection and confidence of the Church, and according to numerous letters received is giving general satisfaction in regard to its management and contents. And for the confidence and appreciation manifested, and for the mutual co-operation and generous support given, I hereby return my hearty thanks to the board and the synod, as well as to the friends and patrons of the *Christian World*, with my best wishes for the future prosperity and success of the paper.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER.

DAYTON, OHIO, March 14, 1882.

ACTION OF BOARD.

On motion, after some discussion, his resignation was accepted by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church with much reluctance does hereby accept the resignation of Dr. I. H. Reiter.

Then, on motion, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., has served the Church in the capacity of editor-in-chief of the *Christian World* for two years, to the entire satisfaction of the board, and to the general acceptance of our people, the paper meantime gaining the entire confidence of the church; therefore,

Resolved, That we in this official manner, in behalf of the synod which we represent, express our appreciation of his ability and faithfulness in the work intrusted to him, and of the valuable services which he has rendered to the church generally, and that we pray for God's blessing to rest upon him in all his future labors, wherever God in his providence may call him to work.

Rev. Edward Herbruck, A. M., the associate editor, was requested to take charge of the paper from the first of April.

until the next meeting of synod. The new firm, Herbruck, Loucks, and Blum, entered upon their work with energy and commendable zeal. The old quarters were found to be too limited, and feeling that the child had been under the fostering care of strangers long enough, it was concluded to turn it out to care for itself, after providing for it a suitable home and outfit. The new firm organized for effective work under the title and name of the "*Reformed Publishing Company.*" A suitable building with power attached was secured, presses and type were purchased, an office furnished, and the services of Mr. John Blum of Canton, Ohio, as foreman, obtained.

The new firm entered upon active work about the latter part of April last. The first issue of the *Christian World* under its new parentage, bearing date May 4th, 1882, made its appearance in a bright and cheerful garb of the young man having attained his majority. Its salutatory was cheerful and hopeful. The future was big with promise; and the board is glad to say that the paper has thus far more than redeemed every promise made by the new firm. The church may well be proud of its organ, and with a new impulse go forward to enlarge its sphere of usefulness by securing new subscribers, besides helping the firm to secure such other encouragement as it may desire.

The present publishers have invested about four thousand dollars. With this they have secured all that is necessary to carry forward the publishing of the *Christian World*, Sunday-school publications and such job work as they were able to secure thus far. As to the result of their labors the church is able to judge. The financial condition of the new firm is good.

The board is also glad to say that not only has the *World* been improved in appearance and matter, but that it has been appreciated by the church. About two hundred and fifty new subscribers have been added to the list since last March; and there is every reason to hope and believe that by the end of another year the subscription list will be increased to five thousand. It ought to be larger even than that. Its merits and mission should serve as a stimulus to our ministry and laity to work for a larger list of patrons.

The report of the publishers is full of hope and encouragement. The board congratulates synod on the results of last year's work in this department of its work. We have now a

publishing establishment in the city of Dayton, an able corps of editors, and a church-paper that will compare favorably with the leading church-papers of our land.

The publishers have also in contemplation the publishing of two additional papers for the Sunday-school, namely, *Golden Words*, a paper of same size and price as *Leaves of Light*, and *Little Pearls*, a paper for the infant department, containing the lesson simplified. The board also calls attention to the reduction in the prices of *Leaves of Light*, *Scholars' Quarterlies*, and *Lesson Leaves*, so as to have these publications, in the matter of cost, compare with other publications of similar character.

It is to be hoped that our church and Sunday-schools will hereafter patronize our own publications, since they are as cheap and certainly better adapted to our wants as a church than other publications possibly could be.

1. The board would call attention to the fact that the term of Rev. P. C. Prugh and Elder A. H. Baughman expires with the meeting of this synod, and as Rev. P. C. Prugh has removed beyond the bounds of this synod, that another member should be elected in his stead; and Rev. M. Loucks tendered his resignation as member of the Board, which was accepted.

2. The board would recommend that Rev. Edward Herbruck, A. M., and Rev. Michael Loucks, A. M., be elected editors of the *Christian World*.

3. The board further suggests that since a new departure has been made in our publishing interests, renewed efforts be made by all the pastors and people to increase the number of subscribers to our church-paper, and to advance the interests of our publications in every way possible.

4. The board commends the management and efficient labors of the editors and publishers to the confidence of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. HERMAN, *Secretary*.

During the morning session on Thursday, the Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes reported in item 7 that a committee had been appointed by the last synod to prepare a report on the question, "What relation does the Board of Publi-

cation sustain to the *Christian World?*" This committee, during the same session, through their chairman, Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., submitted their report, which was received, discussed, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, during the morning session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Standing Committee on Publication would submit the following report:

The papers coming into our hands were the report of the Board of Publication and the report of the Special Committee to define the relation of the synod and Board of Publication to the *Christian World.*

The report of the Board of Publication is one whose general tenor and spirit is the most cheerful and hopeful that has come before synod for many years. In examining the Board's report the encouraging fact of a more permanent character and prosperous condition of our publications is emphasized. We are officially made aware of the fact that the new firm during the year has organized for more effective work, in the publication department of our church-work, under the title of the "Reformed Publishing Co." During the year two new Sunday-school papers—*Golden Words* and *Little Pearls*—have been added to our Sunday-school literature. Having their own publishing house the publishers have been enabled to reduce the cost of their Sunday-school publications, so that, as to matter and expense, these periodicals commend themselves to us in our church-work as worthy and meriting our united effort.

With regard to the report of the Special Committee to define the "Relation of Synod and Board of Publication to the *Christian World*," we would offer the following: That the relation of the synod and board to the *Christian World* is,

1. That this synod claims the right of electing the editors of the *Christian World.*

2. That synod extends its goodwill to the editors and publishers without in any wise making itself responsible for its

financial management and responsibility, which now, as in the past, it leaves entirely in the hands of the editors and publishers.

We recommend that Rev. Edward Herbruck, A. M., and Rev. Michael Loucks, A. M., be elected editors of the *Christian World.*

We commend the efforts of the Reformed Publishing Company to the confidence of the church, and that the pastors be urged to labor for the introduction of our own church-literature into the Sunday-schools and families.

We recommend the adoption of the report of the Board of Publication.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN HENRY, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF EDITORS OF CHRISTIAN WORLD.

On the adoption of the report of the Committee on Publication, during the morning session on Monday, and in accordance with the recommendation contained therein respecting the election of editors, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the election of editors for the *Christian World* be made the order of the day for eleven o'clock to-day (Monday).

At the appointed time the election was held. Rev. Fred. F. Christine and Austin Henry were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots. The result announced was that Rev. Edward Herbruck, A. M., and Rev. Michael Loucks, A. M., were duly elected editors of the *Christian World.*

On motion the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the editors of the *Christian World* be requested to enter into negotiations looking to the discontinuance of the "Eastern Department" in the paper.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Members whose term expires October, 1883.

Rev. Solomon Ream. Mr. George F. Wentz.

Members whose term expires October, 1884.

Rev. Henry M. Herman. Rev. Samuel B. Yockey.

Members whose term expires October, 1885.

Rev. William A. Hale. Mr. Andrew H. Baughman.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That this synod confirms the action of the Board of Publication in accepting the resignation of Rev. Michael Loucks as a member of the board, and that his place be declared vacant, and that the Committee on Nominations be instructed to provide for said vacancy.

On motion, in regard to printing the Minutes, it was,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 1,200 copies of the Minutes of this synod, duly authenticated, published in the usual form, and distributed among those entitled to them.

ARTICLE XXII.

FINANCE.

The following reports received the attention of synod:

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

J. H. Good, *in account with the Ohio Synod. To amounts received from October 1, 1881, to October 1, 1882, as follows:*

DR.

Miami Classis bill of 1881 in full	$127 27
Lancaster Classis, bill of 1881 in full	62 60
Tuscarawas Classis, bill of 1881 in full	95 40
Tiffin Classis, bill of 1881 in full	68 60
Eastern Ohio Classis, bill of 1881 in full	67 20
Iowa Classis, bill of 1881 in full	22 85
Shelby Classis, bill of 1881 in full	13 00
Kansas Classis, bill of 1881 in full	10 50
St. Joseph's Classis, bill of 1881 in full	44 59
Cincinnati Classis, in part of 1880	5 00
To balance from former year	242 14
Total	$754 15

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To paid sexton at Miamisburg	$10 00
Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, traveling expenses	24 00
Rev. D. Lantz, traveling expenses	7 50
Rev. F. Wetzel, traveling expenses	7 50
Expressage on German liturgies	1 60
Bill of Dr. Reiter, Stated Clerk, as follows:	
Printing R. R. Orders	2 75
Telegram	25
Printing Tickets	75
Postage stamps	13 50
Wrapping paper, mailing, etc	3 50
Postage and stationery	9 75
Salary as Stated Clerk for 1882	75 00
Printing 1,300 Minutes	136 00
	$241 50
Apportionment of General Syeod 1881 in full	120 00
Postage, exchange, stationery, and expressage	9 56
Balance on hand to New-Year	332 49
	$754 15

Indebtedness to Synod.

Northern Illinois Classis, bill of 1879 in part	$6 00
" " " " 1880 in full	15 00
" " " " 1881 "	12 15
Cincinnati Classis, bill of 1880 in part	28 40
" " " 1881 in full	49 85

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with the treasurer's report, adopted:

Your Committee on Finance would submit the following report:

The report of the Treasurer of Synod came into our hands which we have examined and found correct, and are gratified to find that at least one of our treasurers has a surplus of funds to the amount of $332.49. The treasurer suggests the same apportionment for contingent expenses as that of last year, which we have thought too large in view of the surplus on hands and so much to be apportioned for other purposes.

The following amounts have been referred to us to be apportioned to the several classes for the objects named, viz:

Missions	$4,000 00
Beneficiary Education	2,000 00
Immediate use of the Theological Seminary	2,500 00
Church Erection	500 00

We learn from the treasurer's report that Northern Illinois Classis is in arrears on the contingent fund to the amount of $33.15, and that Cincinnati Classis owes $78,25, and refuses to pay more than $5.00, in regard to which we should recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to write to the President of Cincinnati Classis, directing his attention to the action of the Ohio Synod at Miamisburg in 1881, (Minute's page 60) and urging compliance on the part of said classis with the same.

Resolved, That the following apportionment be adopted:

Classes.	Missions 22c. per Member.	Ben. Ed. 11c. per Member.	Ch. Erec. 3c. per Member.	Immediate use of the Theo. Sem. 13c. per Member.	Contingent 1c. per Member.
Miami	$1,035 64	$523 82	$142 86	$631 06	$47 62
Lancaster	538 06	272 03	74 19	327 49	24 73
Tuscarawas	720 84	365 42	99 66	441 86	33 22
Tiffin	445 88	225 94	61 62	273 02	20 54
Eastern Ohio	520 24	263 12	71 76	316 96	23 92
Northern Illinois	90 50	40 00	10 00	57 00	4 25
Shelby	100 62	45 00	12 00	63 00	4 71
Iowa	200 60	95 00	20 00	124 00	9 30
St. Joseph	360 20	182 60	49 80	220 80	16 60
Kansas	85 00	40 00	10 00	50 00	4 08
	$4,097 58	$2,052 93	$551 89	$2,505 19	$188 97

Respectfully submitted,

A. CASSELMAN, *Chairman.*

III. PAYMENT OF BILLS BY THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay, as per order, the following bills, which were allowed by the synod, namely:

1. Messrs. Wellman Brothers $2.00 for printing tickets for the use of the synod.

2. Mr. James Sweeten $10.00 for his services as sexton of Grace Reformed Church during the sessions of synod.

3. Rev. John H. Buser, of Iowa Classis, $8.00, and Rev. Daniel Lantz, of Northern Illinois Classis, $11.00, being one-third of their traveling expenses in attending the meeting of synod at Akron.

ARTICLE XXIII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the morning session on Friday, presented their report through the chairman, Rev. Edwin R. Williard. The report was received and adopted, and the committee was instructed to have one hundred copies of the nominations printed for the use of synod.

The election was made the order of the day for Friday afternoon at three o'clock. At the appointed time the election was regularly held. Revs. Charles M. Schaaf, John H. Buser, Amos Casselman and John J. M. Gruber were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots, and subsequently reported the result to synod.

For the result of the election in each case, see respectively Articles XIII., Missions; XIV., Theological Seminary; XV., Heidelberg College; XVI., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; XVII., Sunday-schools; XX., Church Government, and XXI., Publication.

Soon after the opening of synod on Saturday morning, the Stated Clerk called the attention of the synod to an error in the election of Trustees of Synod, occurring from the fact that, by some oversight, a double number of names had been reported by the Committee on Nominations under two different titles, and that therefore, having been voted for, the tellers reported four instead of two persons as being elected Trustees of Synod.

Therefore, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the persons whose names appear under the heading of the "Trustees of the Ohio Synod," be and are hereby declared legally elected.

ARTICLE XXIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

DELIVERANCE ON TEMPERANCE.

During the afternoon session on Thursday, the Standing Committee on Overtures reported, in item 6, that a communication was received from the Ohio Womens' Christian Tem-

perance Union. This was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Jesse Steiner, Samuel B. Yockey, Dr. Herman Rust, John H. Buser and Elder Gottlieb Burry. This committee, soon after the opening of the morning session on Saturday, presented their report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

The Special Committee on Temperance would respectfully represent to this synod that several documents on the subject of temperance were placed in our hands by the Chairman of the Committee on Overtures, purporting to come from the Womens' Christian Temperance Union of Ohio.

With this as our basis we would respectfully present to your consideration and adoption the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

WHEREAS, In the judgment of your committee, this is the time when the deliverance of this synod, on the subject of the manufacture, traffic and indulgence in strong drink, as a beverage, ought to be clear, definite and positive; and

WHEREAS, Our large and populous cities and growing towns and rural districts are rapidly becoming the places of distilleries, breweries, saloons and dens of corruption and iniquity, and since the traffic in strong drink is rapidly assuming alarming proportions and is even now a powerful evil in the land; and

WHEREAS, Those engaged in the iniquitous traffic have meddled in our politics, essayed to corrupt our legislators, bribed our juries and assailed our laws; and

WHEREAS, The liquor traffic has arrayed itself in antagonism to the Church of Christ and become hostile to our most sacred institutions, and filled our alms-houses with paupers and our jails and penitentiaries with convicts and our scaffolds with victims; and

WHEREAS, It has filled our land with widows and orphans, wrecked the fondest hopes, blighted the greatest genius and made happy homes desolate, demoralizing our youth and corrupting society; and

WHEREAS, Moral suasion and temperance societies of themselves have not been able to suppress the wicked traffic; and

WHEREAS, To tax the sale for purpose [illegible] nue would be

to do evil that might accrue, or to raise revenue from an inquitous traffic would be to legalize iniquity; and

WHEREAS, It is a maxim not only in materia medica, but also in morals, "that violent diseases demand efficient remedies," and since that time has come, when every true friend of temperance should take his stand in favor of the cause of temperance; therefore,

Resolved, That this synod in its wisdom and judgment, both pronounce and declare that, as the case now stands, the only true and proper remedy for the gigantic evil of intemperance in its most common form of intoxication, is prohibition.

Resolved, That the constant and only aim of all true friends of temperance, as the end of all their efforts, should be the suppression of its manufacture, its traffic and use of strong drink as a beverage.

Resolved, That the way by which this prohibition is to or may be attained, whether by legislative enactments, by submitting it to a vote of the people, or by educating public sentiment, is a matter that ought to be left to the discretion and judgment of the members of this synod to decide for themselves.

Resolved, That we solemnly pledge ourselves before God that we will avail ourselves of every proper opportunity to bear swift witness against this iniquitous traffic and use all legitimate efforts for its suppression.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STEINER,
S. B. YOCKEY,
J. H. BUSER,
Committee.

On motion, in immediate connection with the adoption of the foregoing report, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Temperance be published in our church papers both west and east.

Resolved, That this report be also read this (Saturday) evening to the congregation before the delivery of the opening address on temperance.

ACTION RESPECTING PLEASANTVILLE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Lancaster Classis, as reported by the Standing Committee

on Minutes of Classes, in item 4, during the morning session on Friday, requested synod to recognize Pleasantville Collegiate Institute, located within the bounds of said classis and under its care, as an institution of the Reformed Church. This request was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Samuel B. Yockey, Amos Casselman and Elder William Kefauver. This committee, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

The special committee appointed to present a paper to this synod on Pleasantville Collegiate Institute, respectfully reports:

That this institution came into the possession of Lancaster Classis of the Ohio Synod by the bequest from the Trustees of the Fairfield County Union Academy. The property is estimated as worth forty thousand dollars, consisting of four acres of land, ornamented with trees and shrubbery, two large and substantial buildings, well adapted for educational purposes, philosophical apparatus, two good libraries, together with the confidence of the community in which it is located. The institution has three professors, the presidency being filled by Rev. Jerome B. Henry, A. M., a classical graduate of Heidelberg College, and the general management being under the control of a Board of Directors, elected by the Lancaster Classis, so that it is an institution of the church.

We therefore most cordially commend it to the confidence and liberal patronage of our people, believing it an efficient auxiliary to the more general dissemination of useful knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY,
AMOS CASSELMAN,
WILLIAM KEFAUVER,
Committee.

MONUMENT TO THE MEMORY OF OLEVIANUS.

As reported in item 2 by the Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Thursday, Rev. John B. Kniest, in a letter received from him, under the direction of the German Synod of the East, asked for aid from this synod in erecting a proposed monument to the memory of Rev.

Dr. Casper Olevianus. The request was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. George W. Williard, Jesse Steiner, and Elder Nelson L. Brewer, Esq. This committee, during the morning session on Monday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted.

The Special Committee to whom the item respecting the erection of a monument to the memory of Casper Olevianus, was referred, would report:

That the project is one that ought to commend itself to the Reformed Church, in view of the important part he took in the formation of our excellent symbol of faith, the Heidelberg Catechism. Our brethren of the German Synod of the East deserve commendation for their efforts in this direction, and deserve the co-operation of the church at large.

We would therefore commend the project as worthy of support, and urge the ministers and members of this synod to aid in the enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

On motion the synod during the morning session on Monday proceeded to select the place and fix the time for the next annual meeting.

Then, on motion, item 2 in the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, in which Lancaster Classis requested synod to convene as a delegated body in its annual meeting in 1883, was taken off the table. After some discussion it was, on motion, disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That synod respectfully declines to accede to the request of Lancaster Classis, and hereby decides to meet in general convention in the year 1883.

The places proposed were Louisville and West Alexandria, Ohio. The election proceeded by calling the roll, and the result was that West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio, was chosen as the place; and the time fixed was the Wednesday evening preceding the full moon in October (10th), A. D. 1883, at 7 o'clock.

On motion, during the morning session on Friday, Revs. William A. Hale, Emil P. Herbruck, and Elder Jacob Klee were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence, through whom all applications for leave of absence are to be made. The committee, through the chairman, Rev. Wm. A. Hale, reported near the close of the sessions, and the report was accepted, and the recommendations contained therein approved by synod.

On motion, during the morning session on Thursday, Rev. Edwin R. Williard was appointed reporter to furnish an abstract of the proceedings of synod for the Akron *Daily News*, which appointment he filled with fidelity and satisfaction to the synod.

On motion the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the officers of synod, together with the pastor *loci* at West Alexandria, be a committee to prepare a programme of exercises for the next annual meeting of synod, and to appoint and notify the speakers in regard to their respective topics at least three months in advance.

ARTICLE XXV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

VOTE OF THANKS.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted by synod:

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod hereby tenders its most cordial thanks to the pastor and members of the Grace Reformed Church, and to all other citizens of the thrifty and beautiful city of Akron, for their very generous and pleasant hospitality extended to the members of this synod during its sessions.

Resolved, That the above resolution be read before the congregation next Sabbath, and that it be also published in the city papers of Akron.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of synod be instructed to return the thanks of this synod to the several railroad companies that have favored its members with reduced fare on their respective routes of travel; namely, those of the New

York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad, the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway, and the Cleveland, Mt. Vernon & Delaware Railroad.

The roll was called, and there were none of the members found absent without permission or excuse.

The minutes of the last day were read and approved, and they were then adopted as a whole, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States now adjourns to meet in general convention in the Reformed Church at West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio, on the Wednesday preceding the full moon in October (10th), A. D. 1882, at seven o'clock in the evening.

The synod adjourned on Monday afternoon, October 23d, at half past three o'clock, with singing, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, and the benediction by the President.

JOHN VOGT, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

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ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.—MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
David Winters, D. D.	Mt. Zion	2	204	60	4	6	14	1	160	4		9	8	2	140		$65	$540	5	Dayton, O.
Samuel B. Yockey	Xenia	2	320	70	7	3	20	10	270	3			7	2	260		2,835	1,500	12	Xenia, O.
Henry M. Herman	Miamisburg	1	311	116	6	1	17	13	240	14		10	3	1	200		106	1,250	15	Miamisburg, O.
Joseph G. Shoemaker	West Alexandria	3	360	100	2	5	6	4	316	6			3	3	200	1	130	1,200	15	West Alexandria, O.
James T. Hale	Fairfield	3	343	110	12	19	18	10	270	4			12	3	260		125	1,820	25	Fairfield, O.
Daniel R. Taylor	Union	5	400	41	1	63	82	19	293	13		5	5	5	530		135	3,320	30	North Hampton, O.
G. Wm. H. Smith	Cæsar's Creek	3	200	30	3	19	28	7	153	8	5	7	5	3	150		78	635	7	Xenia, O.
Richard B. Reichard	Highland, 1	2	240	79					180					2	210				4	Hillsborough, O.
George Z. Mechling	Hamilton	2	74	34	4		2	4	61	1		2	4	1	110		15	350	7	Hamilton, O.
Benj. F. Tucker	Port Jefferson	3	188	47	6	2	9	1	115				3	3	120		128	1,879	12	Bloom Centre, O.
William A. Hale	First Church, Dayton.	1	413	105	5	11	23	30	303	5		1	4	1	175		169	2,234	12	Dayton, O.
Milton F. Frank	Farmersville	2	266	122	12		9	3	220			6	2	2	180		133	1,326	6	Farmersville, O.
" " (sup.)	Winchester	1	41	8				2	36	1				1	60		3	60		Farmersville, O.
John Stuck, (sup)	Pittsburg Cong	1	40	25	12		6		30				2	1	45			160	1	Hill Grove, O.
Nathan W. Bloom	Hill Grove	3	220	50	13	18	28	2	210				5	3	225		18	650	8	Hill Grove, O.
Henry I. Comfort	St. Paris	2	89	26	2				70	1			2	2	100		15	179	10	St. Paris, O.
Solomon Ream	Tremont City	1	115	19	1	1	7		80	2		2	1	1	125		20	811	8	Tremont City, O.
Jacob Weaver	Salem	2	37	4	2				35		1		3					400	2	Sidney, O.
William H. Shults	Springboro, 2	1	72	38	4			1	70	8			1	1	70		61	500	4	Springboro, O.
Adam Hawker	Mt. Carmel	2	100	51	7	3	11	3	80				2	2	100		60	300	10	Dayton, O.
Peter C. Prugh, 3	Germantown	2	184	75	7	4	21	4	164	1		10	6	2	225		40	740	10	Butler, Pa.
Levi Rike	Elk Creek	1	15						12					1	40		6	160	2	Heno, O.
	Bradford, 4	3	81	25	5	2	5	8	76	4		3	5	2	65			400	8	
Geo. H. Souder	Greenville	1	31	16					30					1	35			40	6	Greenville, O.
Michael Loucks	Valley	2	195	80	6	3	10	6	144	3	1		1	2	195		100	950	12	Dayton, O.
John E. Dingledine	New Madison	4	213	63	2	17	20	5	176	4			2	3	190			2,500	12	Arcanum, O.
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	No Charge																			Miamisburg, O.
Thomas H. Winters	No Charge																			Xenia, O.
John Pence	No Charge																			Tremont City, O.
Jonathan C. Beade	No Charge																			Port Jefferson, O.
Jesse Steiner, 5	No Charge																			Pulaski, O.
Hiram Shaull	No Charge																			Sidney, O.
Edward Herbruck	Ed. "Chr'n. World."																			Dayton, O.
Total, 29.		55	4762	1454	123	177	336	133	3874	82	7	55	86	50	4019	1	$4,242	$23,908	243	

1. Taken charge of by Rev. R. B. Reichard about September 1, 1882.
2. Served by Rev. R. B. Reichard till June 1, 1882.
3. Dismissed to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod.
4. Served by Rev. H. I. Comfort till May, 1882.
5. Dismissed to St. Joseph Classis.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregation.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions.		Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.											Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
George H. Leonard	Basil and Zion	2	444	75	13	3	8	10	420				1	2	220	1	$960	$723	10	Basil, Fairfield Co., O.
John Vogt, D. D	Delaware	1	239	123	15		5	1	213	1		10	1	1	131		119	970	10	Delaware, O.
Francis C. Yost	Thornville	4	412	140	20	8	27	2	380	2			6	4		4	1,172	1,035	16	Thornville, O.
	Kinnickinnick 1	3	160	84	15	4	6	1	138	1		14	4	2			90	790	10	Kingston, O.
Austin Henry	Winchester	4	296	80	18	4	20	8	270	9		4	9	4	250		210	6,000	12	Canal Winchester, O.
Joseph W. Barber	Stoutsville	3	250	125	6	2	10	4	126	1		25	3	3	287		100	972	13	Stoutsville, O.
John R. Skinner	Somerset and Jer. Mis.	4	146	59	1	8	12	11	107			4	1	3	185		62	879	8	Bremen, O.
Henry H. Sandoe	Union	4	289	127	15	2	2	5	234	2		23	8	3	190		111	1,300	16	Baltimore, O
Scott F. Hershey	Lancaster	2	214	45	6	1	5		200			53	2	1	215		145		6	Lancaster, O.
James Heffley	North Union	1	23	14	1		1		21	1			1	1			12			Canal Winchester, O.
Henry King	No Charge																			Baltimore, O.
Peter D. Schory.	No Charge																			Lancaster, O.
Total, 11.		28	2473	872	110	32	96	42	2109	17		133	36	24	1478	5	$2,981	$12,669	101	

1. Recently taken charge of by Rev. Louis B. C. Lahr.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions.		Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.											Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Sebastian C. Goss	Wadsworth	4	338	125	8	12	25	12	313	23		8	4	374		$100	$1,100	23	Wadsworth, O.
Silas B. Mase	Tuscarawas	4	263	94	4	3	6	2	227	3		5	4	280		88	2,740	18	Massillon, O.
Samuel B. Leiter, D. D	Union	3	230	150	13			3	200	3		3	2	120		108	575	20	Wadsworth, O.
Emil P. Herbruck	Grace Reformed	1	317	70	19	6	20	26	260	2	18	1	1	225		90	8,500	10	Akron, O.
John H. Beck	Uniontown	4	263	160	12		4	1	200			7	4	190		95	400	8	Lake, O.
Isaiah S. Hahn	Manchester	4	309	100	8	21	43	28	286	6	1	6	4	457		125	5,126	20	Nimisilla, O.
John M. Kendig	Trinity	1	218	105	5			8	100	3	3	2	1	230		60	876	12	Canton, O.
Orange E. Lake	Shelby	3	180	20	1	2	7	1	160	1		9	3	200	1	100	800	17	Shelby, O.
Edward D. Wettach	Reedsburg	3	185	70	5	19	30	4	152			1	3	250		70	595	10	Reedsburg, O.
George W. Remagen	Navarre	4	188	58					145				3	145		60	40	15	Navarre, O.
Albert Gonser	West Salem	4	175	51	2	1	2	5	140	2		1	3	90		42	455	16	West Salem, O.
James H. Steele	Mohican	3	165	78	7	13	5		140	5		4	2	200		50	800	15	Mohican, O.
John S. Stoner, 1	Wooster	1	140	65	2			3	90	1			1	75		38	530	6	Wooster, O.
Edward M. Beck	Bristol	2	110						100	3	5	2	2	120			998	7	Marshallville, O.
Jacob V. Lerch	Canal Fulton	1	94	8	4			9	65	2		1	1	85		40	584	9	Canal Fulton, O.
	Sharon	1	30			1		2	23	1			1	88		7	46	4	Sharon Centre, O.
Joseph B. Thompson, 2	Canaan	2	77						77									10	Canaan, O.
	Shenandoah	3	50						40				2	8				8	Shenandoah, O.
Theodore J. Bacher	No Charge																		Sycamore, O.
John L. Bretz	Licentiate																		Massillon, O.
Total, 18.		48	3322	1154	88	78	142	101	2715	35	27	50	42	3246	1	1,073	24,665	218	

1. Rev. John S. Stoner died at Wooster, O., September 1, 1882, aged 29 years, 1 month and 4 days.
2. Rev. Joseph B. Thompson died at Canaan, Wayne County, O., October 16, 1882, aged 62 years, 2 months and 7 days.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommun'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Prof. Reuben Good	Prof. in Heid. Col.																			Tiffin, O.
J. H. Good, D. D., (sup.)	Berwick & St. Jacob's	3	150	111	20		2	9	139	10			4	1	65		$127		12	Tiffin, O.
Herman Rust, D. D	Prof. in Theo. Sem																		1	Tiffin, O.
Geo. W. Willard, D. D	Pres't Heid. Col																		1	Tiffin, O.
Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D	Prof. in Heid. Col.																		1	Tiffin, O.
Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	First Church Tiffin	1	238	130	4	1	3	8	178	3			5	1	240		253	$1,150	12	Tiffin, O.
Jesse Richards	Lindsey	2	120	37	18	10	38	22	100				8	2	200		20	2,700	3	Fremont, O.
Samuel Shaw	Bloomville	1	115	38	7		5	9	91	1		1	8	1	87		42	1,300	8	Bloomville, O.
Nathaniel H. Loose	Bellevue	2	200	60	10	1	18	9	175	7	1	6	1	1	111		54	825	20	Bellevue, O.
Amos Casselman	Fostoria	2	114	30	3	1	1	5	101	6		7	3	2	129		47	686	9	Fostoria, O.
Alpheus E. Balchly	St. Michael	1	53	40	3	3	10	2	47	2		1	1	1	80		5	275	2	Grand Rapids, O.
Jacob Ihle	Zion	2	258		10		14	10	210	3		12	11	2	240		150	1,750	15	Bellevue, O.
John J. M. Gruber	Ada	3	132	120	3		6	2	124	4			4	3	238		28	425	9	Ada, O.
Louis B. C. Lahr	Helena	3	166	79	11		1	20	113	1		2	4	3	200		68	600	13	Kingston, O.
John I. Swander, (sup)	Fremont	1	71	40	2	1	1		71				3	1	90		20	450	8	Tiffin, O.
John A. Seitz	Liberty Centre	2	133	70	3	8	1	1	80	6		9	3	1	100		18	415	6	Liberty Centre, O.
Peter Tendick	Invalid																			Attica, O.
Wm. A. Long	Lima	2	29					3						2	60		22		6	Lima, O.
Aug. Konetzka	Van Buren	1	27																2	Hammansburg, O.
Wm. Smith	Fort Seneca	2	143	60	5	1	4	1	138	1			1	2	120			2,100	5	Fort Seneca, O.
Salem Congregation	Heid. (Gruber, sup.)	1	26	40			3	1	26					1	40				2	
Zion's Bloom Congregation.	Heid. (Gruber, sup.)	1	40																	
Ebenezer Congregation	(Shaw, supply)	1	39	26	4	3	10	1	38	4			1	1	55		12	100	4	
Prof. C. O. Knepper	Licentiate																		1	Tiffin, O.
Total, 20.		31	2054	881	103	30	117	103	1631	48	1	38	57	25	2055		$877	$12,776	141	

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions.		Minutes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.											Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
John J. Leberman	Louisville	3	525	160	22	8	31	20	453	19	1	8	16	3	435	1	$146	$1,125	40	Louisville, Stark Co., O.
Charles M. Schaaf	Mt. Olivet	2	270	180	13	6	27	10	252	4		32	11	2	230		123	3,850	10	North Lima, O.
Milton H. Groh	New Lisbon	2	243	107	8	3	5	9	200	5		13	2	2	217		373	933	18	New Lisbon, O.
John H. Bomberger	Columbiana	1	200	100	4	16	24	6	145	1		5	3	1	225		60	700	15	Columbiana, O.
John Meckley	Springfield	2	206	164	14	3	9		152	9		2	10				60	275	10	Petersburg, O.
William A Miller	Carrollton	2	170	98	2			5	150				2	2	150		64	672	10	Carrollton, O.
Edward H. Otting	Warrren	4	158	122	7		9	1	144				2	3	150		42	400	12	Warren, O.
Julius Herold	Youngstown	1	290	170	18		23	51	230			7	12	1	150					Youngstown, O.
	Jefferson 1	2	140	70		1	3	4	190				2	2	160		40	525	14	Germano, O.
	Canfield	1	190	100	8				150				6	1	120					Canfield, O.
	Moultrie	2																		Homeworth, O.
Michael A. Miller	No Charge																			Carrollton, O.
Jacob B. Zumpe	No Charge																			Youngstown, O.
John C. Klar	No Charge																			Navarre, O.
Total, 11.		21	2392	1269	96	27	131	106	2086	38	1	67	66	17	1837	1	$908	$8,480	129	

1. Served now by Rev. Reuben Keller.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Lantz	Forreston	2	120	72	5				116	1			5	1	70	1	$162	$542	2	Forreston, Ill.
Frederick W. Stump	Orangeville	4	120	122	11		3	1	101			4	3	*4	360		115	1,839	5	Orangeville, Ill.
Joseph Sechler	Damascus	1	36	20	2		1		36			2	2	1	40		25	80	4	Lena, Ill.
Joshua Wolbach	Dakota	4	62	35	6	6	1	2	51				3	*4			79	500	5	Dakota, Ill.
Ottmar Esselborn	Washburn	1	79	48	1			65	45				1					350	2	Washburn, Ill.
	Freeport Mission †	1	8	4				1	8								49	382	2	Freeport, Ill.
	Loran ‡																			Loran, Ill.
	Freeport ‡																			Freeport, Ill.
Frank Wetzel	Prof. in Col. of N. Ill.																			Dakota, Ill.
John Kercher	Superannuated																			LaRose, Ill.
Samuel Mease, D. D	Ed. of. Chrysostomian																			Chicago, Ill.
Total, 8.		13	425	301	25	6	5	69	357	1		6	14	10	470	1	$430	$3,793	20	

*Union Sunday-schools. †Last year'sreport. ‡No report received.

SHELBY CLASSIS.

Jeriah S. Shade	Astoria	3	81	75	5				61				1	2	55		$26.41	$5.50	5	Summum, Ill.
Julius H. Shuford	Altamont	3	98	63	7	1	10	1	96					2	112			5.15	3	Altamont, Ill.
James H. Lippard	Anna	4	125		5	12	25	3			1		1					12.00	3	Anna, Union Co., Ill.
Joseph F. Butler	Shelbyville	2	77	65	8			2	61				1	2	80	1	8.00	2.80	3	Shelbyville, Ill.
	Mt. Zion	2	90	65																
Simon P. Myers	Miss. Supt.																			Tiffin, O
Total, 5.		14	471	268	25	13	35	6	218		1		3	6	247	1	$34.41	$25.45	14	

IOWA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Frederick C. Bauman.	Harmony	2	110	105	12	2	6	3	100	11	2		4	2	125		$50 00	$285	3	Zwingli, Iowa.
Dewalt S. Fouse	Tipton	4	140	90	3		9	4	136	9	1		5	3	200		183 50	1,015	4	Lisbon, Linn Co., Ia.
David P. Lefever.	Pleasant Valley	1	60	69	5				35					1	30		35 00	213	5	Imogene, Iowa.
Samuel C. Long	Wilton	1	36	44	5				30					1	30		81 50	349	2	Wilton Junction, Ia.
Isaac A. Sites	Columbus Junction	2	93	120	9			9	65	2			2	1	65		25 00	875	4	Columbus Junction, Ia
John H. Buser	Coneville	3	113	18	2	11	11	7	100	1			1	2	120		5 00	750	5	Coneville, Iowa.
Jacob Kuhn	Millersburg	3	92	40	9			3	80	8			6	1	30		15 00	200	2	Millersburg, Iowa.
Henry Bair	Beaman	2	33	17	1		2	8	28				2	2	102		50 00	261	5	Beaman, Iowa.
George Rettig	Smithtown	1	45	30	23		5		40								20 00	130	1	Monticello, Iowa.
George Weber	Boulder	2	148	110	23				79				2	2	120		43 00	440	3	Vinton, Iowa.
John Naille	Leighton	1	16	15	1	3	3		16								13 00	300	2	Lyons, Iowa.
George A. House.	Maquoketa	3	44	16			2	3	40	1			1	1	70		25 00	450	2	Maquoketa, Iowa.
Total, 12.		24	930	677	93	16	38	37	829	32	3		23	16	892		$546 00	$5,268	38	

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Fred. F. Christine..	Union	3	175	87	14	6	25	12	153			18	3	2	125		$52	$2,787	7	Waterloo, Ind.
Louis Grosenbaugh.	Three Rivers	1	100	65	9	1		3	100	3		20		1	90		51	2,000	2	Three Rivers, Mich.
" "	Moore Park	1	40	20	1			8	40			5			15		20	800	1	Three Rivers, Mich.
Jerome B. Henry 1	Marshall	4	207	92	9	2	5	3	171	4		4	5	4	258	1	161	593	4	Pleasantville, O.
Reuben Keller 2	Neriah	2	62	35	1	1	3	2	52	1			1	2	120		15	150	5	Germano, O.
John D. Neff	St. Paul	2	123	104	1		4	2	96	2		13	3	2	182	1	33	724	5	Bristol, Ind.
David H. Reiter	Wakeshma	2	100	20	1	2	6	4	94			11	1	2	95		63	650	3	Fulton, Mich.
Elias Spangler	Farmer	1	23						19			7	1	1	60					Edgeeton, Ohio.
Edwin R. Williard	White Pigeon	2	116	55	3	6	1	4	109	2		13	1	2	135		55	1,000	3	White Pigeon, Mich.
Frank C. Witthoff	Bluffton	3	96	10	4				90	13		1		1	40			570	1	Calla, O.
Allen K. Zartman	Zion	2	130	54	14	4	6	13	100	2		42	1	2	200		21	700	4	Goshen, Ind.
	Bunker Hill	3	132	9	8	1	1	1	71	3		16	4	1	60		120	1,529	1	
	Denver	3	148																	
	Rochester	2	54																	
	Winamac	5	194																	
Andrew Butt																				Toledo, O.
Wm. G. Hackman																				Burr Oak, Mich.
Aaron H. Leiss																				Kentland, Ind.
Jonas Michael																				Winamac, Ind.
Anson L. Hassler																				Pulaski, O.
Wm. H. Fenneman																				Tiffin, O.
Daniel Kroh..																				Toledo, O.
Total, 17.		36	1660	551	65	23	51	52	1095	20		150	20	20	1380	2	$591	$11,503	39	

1. Dismissed to Lancaster Classis.
2. Dismissed to Eastern Ohio Classis.

KANSAS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Sund'ts. Min'try.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Minutes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Abraham Bolliger	Bethany	1	64	68	4		4	3	57			2	2	1	40		$16	$557	1	Hiawatha, Kansas.
	Sabetha	3	97	85										2	60			300	2	Sabetha, Kansas.
	Turkey Creek	2	98	124										2	100			300		New Basil, Kansas.
Hiram Shumaker	Holton	1	12	23	2				13					1	15			33	2	Holton, Kansas.
Allen R. Holshouser	Lyons	2	26	24	5		5	2	26			2	2	2	27			41	2	Lyons, Kansas.
A. Bolliger, (sup)	Zion's	1	85	90	5		5	2	70			4	4	1	65		26	250		Wathena, Kansas.
	Emporia 1	1	26	30															2	Emporia, Kansas.
Siegfried Thomas	Bunker Hill 2																			Bunker Hill, Kansas.
E. F. Schorer	Twin Creek																			Twin Creek, Kansas.
John A. Nicolai 3	No Charge																			Abilene, Kansas.
Daniel J. Greenwald	No Charge																			Sabetha, Kansas.
Elias Bauman	No Charge																			Oregon.
John W. Rauch	No Charge																			Martinsburg, W. Va.
Total, 9.		14	408	444	16		14	7	166			8	8	9	307		$42	$1,481	12	

1. Rev. David B. Shuey, commissioned as missionary, will take charge of Emporia Mission by December 1882.
2. No report has been received.
3. Rev. John A. Nicolai died at Abilene, Kan., November 20, 1882, aged 61 years, 3 months and 13 days.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—THE OHIO SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S., 1882.

CLASSES.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Min'try	Contributions.		Minutes.
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Miami	1	29	55	4762	1454	123	177	336	133	3874	82	7	55	86	50	4019	1	$4,242	$23,908	243
Lancaster	1	11	28	2473	872	110	32	96	42	2109	17		133	36	24	1478	5	2,981	12,669	101
Tuscarawas	1	18	48	3322	1154	88	78	142	101	2715	35		27	50	42	3246	1	1,073	24,667	218
Tiffin	1	20	31	2054	881	103	30	117	103	1631	48	1	38	57	25	205		877	12,776	141
Eastern Ohio	1	11	21	2392	1269	96	27	131	106	2086	38	1	67	66	17	1837	1	908	8,480	129
Northern Illinois	1	8	13	425	301	25	6	5	69	357	1		6	14	10	470	1	430	3,793	20
Shelby	1	5	14	471	268	25	13	35	6	218		1		3	6	247	1	34	25	14
Iowa	1	12	25	930	677	93	16	38	37	829	32	3		23	16	892		546	5,268	38
St. Joseph	1	17	36	1660	551	65	23	51	52	1095	20		150	20	20	1380	2	591	11,503	39
Kansas	1	9	14	408	444	16		14	7	166			8	8	9	307		42	1,481	12
Total	10	140	285	18,897	7,871	744	402	965	656	15,080	273	13	484	363	219	15,931	12	$11,724	$104,568	955

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1882.

SYNODS.																				
Synod in the United States	9	215	449	69,816	40,080	5,810	395	3,941	1,397	55,331	722	2	521	2806	522	42,696	48	$37,956	$201,426	
Synod of Ohio	10	140	285	18,897	7,871	744	402	965	656	15,080	273	13	484	363	219	15,931	12	11,724	104,568	
Synod of the Northwest	8	110	146	13,249	9,663	1,168	30	969	831	10,077	170	30	266	388	124	7,260	20	7,658	51,423	
Synod of Pittsburg	5	58	127	12,275	8,858	860	73	723	477	10,567	223		208	268	103	8,037	15	49,109	58,937	
Synod of the Potomac	9	132	272	28,122	18,732	1,906	212	1,339	571	23,643	401	3	239	750	241	18,116	16	14,093	123,188	
German Synod of the East	5	42	87	9,469	6,018	1,744	20	701	430	7,536	53	3	214	447	37	6,377	3	5,349	53,259	
Central Synod	4	70	116	14,758	10,057	1,129	31	803	583	11,400	96	5	171	693	98	8,940	14	7,927	64,198	
Grand Total: Synods, 7.	50	767	1,432	166,586	101,309	13,361	1,163	9,541	4,948	133,634	1938	56	2103	5715	1344	107,357	128	$133,816	$740,999	

COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL SUMMARY
OF THE
OHIO SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.

		1879	1880	1881	1882
Classes		11	11	11	10
Ministers		145	149	152	140
Congregations		294	296	302	285
Members		20,954	21,000	21,673	18,897
Members Unconfirmed		10,221	9,536	10,323	7,871
Baptisms	Infants	1,861	1,030	1,099	744
	Adults	546	386	340	402
	Total	2,407	1,416	1,439	1,146
Additions	Confirmed	2,162	1,216	1,162	965
	Certificate	984	660	724	656
	Total	3,146	1,876	1,886	1,621
	Net Gain	2,083	1,091	1,060	761
Communed		17,662	17,562	18,003	15,080
Dismissed		380	346	306	273
Loss	Excommunicated	21	19	38	13
	Erased	484	387	374	484
	Deaths	558	379	414	363
	Total	1,063	785	826	860
Sunday-Schools		232	232	235	219
Sunday-School Scholars		17,744	17,900	17,725	15,931
Students for Ministry		19	16	19	12
For Benevolent Purposes		$9,089	6,834	18,816	11,724
For Congregational Purposes		$112,854	101,753	114,050	104,568

NOTE.—From this comparative statistical statement, it will be seen that there has been some decrease in 1882 in the number of ministers, congregations, members, communicants, Sunday-schools and scholars, as well as in the contributions for benevolent and congregational purposes. This, however, must be accounted for from the fact that Cincinnati Classis was dismissed in 1881 to unite with other classes in the formation of the Central Synod. There has been a steady increase in the Ohio Synod respecting the several facts referred to. It will be noticed when the additions and losses of members are compared, (not including the dismissions), that there has been a net gain of members in 1879 of 2,083, in 1880 of 1,091, in 1881 of 1,060, and in 1882 of 761. The real loss may have been a little larger than noted in this tabular statement, and the net gain somewhat less, as it is not definitely known how many members have been dismissed to congregations beyond the bounds of the Ohio Synod, nor how many may have changed their church relations. But the numbers given, in regard to loss and gain, are at least approximately correct, and present the interesting fact of the progress made.

There has also been a fair proportion of increase in the membership of the Sunday-school, but there has not been a corresponding increase of students for the ministry, nor of abounding free-will offerings to the Lord. This fact calls for more consecration, more spirituality, and more self-denying liberality. STATED CLERK.

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